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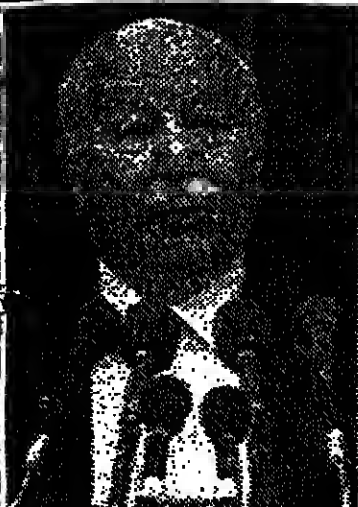
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ERBAKAN

BY IRFAN PARVIZ

TEHRAN - Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan snubbed the United States on Wednesday and decided to go ahead with his planned visit to the Islamic Republic where he will receive a red-carpet welcome today.

A Tehran visit had been on the agenda of Turkey's former premier when First-Vice President Hassan Habibi went to Ankara on Dec. 20, 1993 at the invitation of the former Prime Minister Tansu Ciller.

Ms. Ciller's return visit to Iran was postponed because of various reasons including the recent political uncertainty in Turkey before and after last December's elections in which no party received absolute majority in Parliament.

"Turkey is an independent

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Erbakan Snubs U.S. and Decides to Visit Iran Starting Today

country and is free to develop its relations," a spokesman for the Turkish Diplomatic Service, Nurettin Nurkan, announced in a press conference in Ankara.

According to an AFP dispatch Nurkan said, "Turkey is Iran's neighbor and wants to develop its relations with that country in the framework of mutual interests."

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The United States, believing itself to be the absolute master of the world, warned Erbakan that his visit to Iran "was unwise."

U.S. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns on Tuesday said, "We have made very clear to the Turkish government that Iran is a state that should be isolated. We think that business-as-usual relations with Iran are not wise."



RAFSANJANI

A leader of the pro-Islamic Welfare Party, Erbakan, as a result of a parliamentary marriage with the True Path Party, became prime minister in June.

Erbakan, 70, has a long 30-year record of political struggle, and is considered to be one of the most mature and seasoned politicians of the region.

In a short time since he took office, Erbakan has proven that he is a leader of a wide spectrum of Turkish society and declared that his government will respect all international agreements based on Turkey's national interest.

Ciller and Erbakan believe in diametrically opposed political philosophies in a country where Kemal Ataturk introduced secularism in 1923.

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Iran to File Suit Against U.S. Covert Action

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran will file a suit against the United States at the world court "within days" over Washington's undercover action plan against the Islamic Republic, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Thursday.

"We have prepared the preliminary work with respect to the \$20 million program for sabotage activities in Iran and will file a suit at the International Court of Justice in Hague within days," Velayati told state radio.

The U.S. covert program, aimed at moderating Iran's Islamic regime, was passed by the House of Representatives in December and approved by the White House.

Iran argues the plan violates a non-interference pact signed between the two countries in 1981 and has already said it plans to sue the U.S. The Iranian Parlia-

ment has approved a \$16 million budget to be used to foil possible U.S. undercover activities.

Velayati also said his country was studying ways to "legally confront" the United States for its "unwise move" to tighten economic sanctions against Tehran this week.

U.S. President Bill Clinton on Monday signed a bill threatening sanctions against non-U.S. companies which make new investments of more than \$40 million annually in Iran's and Libya's oil sectors.

The move, which sparked international criticism, came after Washington failed to convince other countries to join its unilateral economic embargo on Iran in June 1995.

"We are in contact and consulting with friendly countries on the subject. The defeat of the U.S.

move is in fact the result of such efforts," the Iranian minister said. European countries are opposed to U.S. efforts to isolate Iran and favor dialogue to temper Iran's policies.

Iran Warns U.S. Against Military Offensive in Persian Gulf

The head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards warned that his forces were ready to retaliate if the United States tried to mount a military offensive in the Persian Gulf, the official news agency IRNA said yesterday.

Amid rising tension between the two countries, Mohse Rezai warned: "Our policy is not to take the first step, but if the United States commits an error in the

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EU Lodges Protest with U.S. over Amato Sanctions

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM (AFP) - The European Union protested Thursday to the United States over the so-called Amato Act which calls for sanctions against foreign oil companies investing in Iran or Libya, a spokesman for the European Commission here announced.

"The Irish presidency and the European Commission, on behalf of the EU, today (Friday) made an official demarche to the U.S. administration in protest at the signing of the Iran/Libya Sanctions Act," the spokesman said.

"In doing so, we reiterated the EU's support for the United States in its fight against terrorism and expressed our readiness to cooperate at a multilateral level in order to combat terrorist activity in all its forms and whatever its

source. We stressed our belief that the recent G7 ministerial meeting in Paris had taken a number of encouraging steps in this direction."

"We underlined that the EU does not believe that the Iran/Libya Act is either an appropriate or an effective means of combating international terrorism. We also told the U.S. administration of our intention to defend our rights and interests if these are jeopardized by the act and that we reserved the right to challenge it or any measures taken under it in the appropriate international fora," the spokesman said.

The 15 EU states will discuss in September possible retaliatory measures against the United States if European oil firms are the target of sanctions over their

activities in Iran and Libya - two states which Washington accuses of supporting international terrorism.

The EU protest over the Amato Act signed last Monday by President Bill Clinton, was handed over Thursday at the State Department by representatives of the European Commission and the ambassador of Ireland which

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Yeltsin Inaugurates While Heavy Fighting Rages in Grozny

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (AFP) - Boris Yeltsin was inaugurated yesterday for a second term as Russian president, in a ceremony overshadowed by battlefield successes scored by Chechen separatists and concerns over the president's health.

The inauguration took place shortly after noon (08:00 GMT) with Yeltsin, 65, standing with his hand on the Russian Constitution as he took his oath. His term is to last until 2000.

The Russian Patriarch Alexei II made a speech after Yeltsin took his oath, urging him to protect Russia and its people.

Yeltsin, appearing in public for the first time in a month, did not make a speech but merely recited the oath.

Yeltsin's inauguration came as Chechen rebels have tied up Russian troops in Grozny claimed yesterday to have taken two key buildings in the Chechen capital.

The oath-taking also took place amid persistent doubts about whether Yeltsin, 65 and ailing, will be able to fulfill his duties and complete his new four-year mandate.

Yeltsin took the oath on a leather-bound and gold-embossed copy of the Constitution, swearing to "guarantee the rights and freedoms of the citizens, defend the sovereignty, independence and

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Iraq Ready to Start Selling Oil in September

DUBAI, U.A.E. (AFP) - Iraq said yesterday it was ready to resume limited oil exports in September after the U.N. Sanctions Committee approved technical guidelines for an oil-for-food deal.

"We expect a resumption of Iraqi crude exports in the second half of September, but that will depend on the speed with which technical details are sorted out," Iraqi negotiator Abdel Amir al-Anbari told the Arab daily Al-Hayat.

The U.N. Sanctions Committee lifted the last political obstacle to the May 20 oil-for-food deal on Thursday by formally adopting technical guidelines after Washington decided to drop its objections to the accord.

Asked whether the United States could again delay the deal, Anbari said: "Of course, they can do it in line with the oil-for-food

agreement."

Under the deal, Iraq will be allowed to export \$2 billion of oil every six months under strict international control to raise money for food and medicine.

Anbari said four steps now had to be taken before the first easing of the oil embargo since it was imposed on Iraq after the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"The first step is to appoint officials in New York tasked with approving oil contracts, then to set up in Iraq a communications network linking these experts to Iraq's oil authorities and to international inspectors posted at oil terminals," Anbari said.

Four oil experts from France, Norway, Russia and the United States are to check contracts at U.N. headquarters in New York, while 14 international inspectors

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EDITORIAL

Let Erbakan's Visit Be a Turning Point

A red carpet welcome, by the administration of President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, awaits the Turkish Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan when he arrives here today.

The arrival of a seasoned Turkish leader such as Prime Minister Erbakan in Iran is a matter of real delectation for the Iranian nation and authorities.

Iran's relations with Turkey have traditionally been very good with the exception of the period of the Ottoman Empire in Turkey and the Safavid rule in Iran during the 17th and 18th centuries.

Irano-Turkish relations reached their peak during the former Pahlavi regime. That was the time when Iran and Turkey, along with Pakistan, formed the first regional organization for economic cooperation in this part of the world. The Regional Cooperation for Development (RCD) was later expanded and renamed the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) with 10 members on its roster.

But unfortunately, after the triumph of the Islamic Revolution in 1979, Irano-Turkish relations became sensitive due to the different systems of government in Tehran and Ankara, a factor which was exploited by certain pressure groups or groups.

Frankly, common enemies of Iran and Turkey have been responsible for widening the differences between the two through the influence of certain pressure groups. The services of former Prime Minister and President, the late Turgut Ozal should be hailed as he did not allow the same pressure groups to exercise unlimited influence. President Suleyman Demirel also has a crucial role in maintaining better Irano-Turkish relations.

Anyway, Iran welcomes Prime Minister Erbakan in Tehran as an experienced politician who commands an Islamic and independent thinking. No doubt Tehran will do all that is needed to solidify the government of Prime Minister Erbakan. Iran's sincere and friendly cooperation with the Erbakan administration could produce positive results in defusing the plots of the two nations' common enemies.

The most significant and caustic issue is related to claims in some Turkish circles of Iran's alleged support for the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK). In the light of its prevailing foreign policy, Iran is always prepared to investigate such allegations.

In the future, as in the past, Iran will never support terrorists whoever they may be. Iran's policy in this respect is crystal clear and Turkey should take it for granted that the Islamic Republic will do all in its power to help keep the territorial integrity of its neighbors intact.

Naturally, Iran expects reciprocation from Turkey in connection with terrorist grouplets which occasionally raise their heads against the Islamic Republic.

Let the visit of Prime Minister Erbakan be a turning point in the history of Irano-Turkish reciprocal cooperation.

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JANNATI

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Friday Congregational Prayers Substitue Leader, Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati told a large group of worshippers at the weekly Friday prayers yesterday that Iran would not succumb to U.S. pressure and would stand against Washington's bullying at all price.

The Ayatollah said that the

U.S. Playing into the Hands of Zionists

United States and its allies would bear the brunt of U.S.-led sanctions against Iran.

He added that Clinton was playing into Israel's hand and was pointing to Iran as 'a major terrorist supporting country' in a bid to divert national attention from its national problems, and establish Israeli hegemony over the Middle East.

The substitute Friday prayer leader said that the bomb in the Europe-bound TWA plane last month had probably been planted by Americans opposed to Israel's unjustifiably big influence in the U.S. administration but that Is-

raeli publicity and propaganda machinery in the U.S. was trying to place the blame on so-called foreign elements in a bid to suppress the voice of the opposition in the United States.

The Ayatollah condemned 'any and all forms of terrorism' adding that Iran has been 'the victim of the terrorism' itself.

Ayatollah Jannati who is a Guardians Council member with the Islamic Consultative Assembly (Majlis) also referred to his recent visit to Bosnia-Herzegovina saying the Bosnians were suffering from unemployment and the presence of 60,000 foreign

troops.

The Friday prayer substitute leader said cultural invasion of the West into Bosnia-Herzegovina was another problem of the Bosnians which had to be addressed to by the Muslim nations.

Ayatollah Jannati dealt with the issue of economy with public funds and wise expenditure of treasury as well as protection of national assets.

He said public property, national assets, and the treasury deserved to be considered with the sanctity that they had at the advent of Islam, IRNA reported.

Iran Keen on Peace, Friendly Ties with Neighbors

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Asia-Pacific Affairs Alaeuddin Boroujerdi said here Thursday that Iran is keen on peaceful, calm and friendly relations with neighboring countries.

Boroujerdi, speaking to a nationwide seminar on border security, outlined Iran's policy towards neighboring countries.

"We are interested in peace and security in Afghanistan and believe that the Afghan problem can be resolved inside the country," he said in regard to Afghanistan.

He said Iran's mediation efforts have been successful due to its intentions and existing relations with all groups involved in the conflict.

Boroujerdi said some countries follow their own interests under the current Afghan circumstances which is detrimental to the country's sovereignty.

He said, in regard to Turkey, that the coming to power of the new government led by Necmettin Erbakan would serve as a turning point to Tehran-Ankara relations.

President Rafsanjani to Visit Kenya

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - The Kenyan acting foreign minister met yesterday Iran's Ambassador to Nairobi, Hamid Moayeri and announced that President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani is scheduled to visit Kenya soon.

The Kenyan official said that Nairobi's government keenly looks forward to the Iranian President's visiting his country.

The two sides agreed on Kenyan officials to prepare all necessary documents for mutual cooperation before the Iranian delegation arrives in Nairobi preparing for President Rafsanjani's visit.

Congratulations to Singaporean Counterpart

President Rafsanjani Thursday congratulated his Singaporean counterpart Ong Teng Cheong, felicitating him on Singapore's National Day (August 9).

President Rafsanjani, in the message congratulating the Singaporean government and nation, hoped the two countries' friendly relations in different economic, political and cultural areas will be further promoted.

Meeting with Finnish Ambassador

The President Thursday received the outgoing Finnish Ambassador to Tehran, Eero Saarikoski.

The President referred to Iran's success in industrial, technical and construction fields, stressing that there exist many potentials for bilateral ties promotion.

He also underlined the need to further upgrade Tehran-Helsinki relations.

The ambassador voiced his government's readiness to promote technical, industrial and trade cooperation with Iran, hoping that his country will participate in Iran's development projects. IRNA reported.

Qassim Calls on Solidarity of World Freedom Lovers with Iran

BEIRUT, LEBANON (IRNA) - Deputy Secretary General of Lebanese Hizbollah Sheikh No'aym Qassim told IRNA here Thursday that he predicted that recent d'Amato Bill endorsed by Bill Clinton, banning all the companies from trading with Iran as its trade partner, will ultimately meet its doom.

The secretary general pointed out that before Iran, all the world was the subject of the U.S. sanctions.

Such a measure of a unilateral sanction by the Clinton administration, which isn't being supported by the world community, was a clear proof that is facing

humiliation due to its impotency in imposing an effective embargo, in addition to the revenue losses the American companies are encountering as a result of this ban.

Qassim stressed the systematic strangulation policies adopted by Clinton administration would boomerang on itself, rising fury and the protest of American companies based on the administration's misconducted, unsound and indiscreet economic policies.

He added that Clinton's newly adopted measure against other companies could also be interpreted as a move to soothe American companies' outrage against Washington's former abortive act.



BOROUJERDI

Boroujerdi said slight border issues between Iran and Turkey would be settled in light of the current relations with Turkey's new government.

Touching on Iranian relations with Iraq, he said, "We don't have

any problems with Iraq except for the issues unsettled from the war (1980-1988). There is no concern over border security with Iraq."

He voiced Iran's willingness to normalize relations with Iraq in the framework of national interest.

On relations with the United Arab Emirates, Boroujerdi said the U.A.E.'s claim on ownership of Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf has emanated from the big powers' influence over the Emirates.

He added that the U.A.E.'s claim can not pose a serious problem for Iran, IRNA reported.

About Iranian borders with Pakistan, he said that there exists no problem whatsoever.

Iran Castigates U.K. Paper Inciting Bombing of Tehran

LONDON (IRNA) - The Iranian Embassy in London has rebuked the Daily Telegraph for calling for a U.S. cruise missile attack on Tehran, asking whether such an atrocity was an act of humanitarian mercy and be free from any violence.

In a contemptuous editorial on Tuesday, the right-wing paper, already renowned for its Zionist line, went as far as suggesting that the Islamic Republic could be "chastened and perhaps overthrown" through political intimidation and violence.

Being the only daily to reject European criticism of the U.S. attacking its allies trading with Iran, it claimed American politicians were "still capable" of taking a broad strategic view of threats to the regional balance of power.

In response, the Iranian Embassy reminded the Telegraph in a letter it had chosen not to publish by Thursday that there was no evidence to substantiate U.S. claims and that Iran was a victim of terrorism.

Everyone, it said, was aware that it was a U.S. warship, which shot down an Iranian civilian plane in the Persian Gulf in 1989, murdering all 299 passengers and crew on board.

The West also gave sanctuary to the MKO, which, with the support of foreign powers, bombed public places and government institutions in Iran and murdered, among others, the President, prime minister, and more than 50 ministers and parliamentarians, the letter said.

If the paper believed a U.S. cruise missile attack would bring down the popular government in Tehran, the embassy pointed out the country had already overcome several thousand Iraqi missiles fired at Iranian cities and other conspiracy to become stronger.

The fact that the European Union opposed U.S. extra-territorial measures and had chosen to retaliate, it said was in defense of its civilization and values and not as the Telegraph might have everyone believe, in defense of Iranian interests.

374 Kilograms of Narcotics Seized in Khuzestan

IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK

TEHRAN - Eleven narcotics gangs' members were rounded by anti-narcotics squads in Khuzestan Province earlier this week with 374 kilograms of various types of narcotics seized from them.

Meanwhile, provincial police

chief Brig. Gen. Hamidreza Hosseiniabadi, told reporters here yesterday that a group of robbers who had stolen a number of fine silk carpets from a shop in Ahwaz last June had been eventually spotted and arrested in Karaj last week and the stolen carpets were returned to their owner in Ahwaz. IRNA reported.

مکتب الاعلام

IRAN DOMESTIC NEWS

Muslims in Europe Would Ultimately Come to Enjoy Their Legitimate Rights

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - President Hojatoleslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani yesterday met with the new Head of the Britain's Muslim Parliament Muhammad Ghayasad-din, and successor of Dr. Kalim Siddiqui.

The President hoped that Muslims in Europe would ultimately come to enjoy their legitimate rights. He praised the endeavors of former Britain's Muslim Parliament's President, the late Kalim Siddiqui.

Rafsanjani underlined that the materialization of the legitimate rights of Muslims in Europe was essential, and sincerely hoped Muslims in Europe would be able to lead a peaceful life far from threat and mistreatment and would continue to practice Islamic rituals in a serene atmosphere.

He also hoped they would be able to defend their faith without

fear of persecution. Ghayasad-din responded stating that Muslim residents of Europe regained honor, self-respect and self-confidence through Imam Khomeini's astute leadership and wise guidance following the Islamic Revolution's victory.

The Muslim Parliament head added that Muslims in Europe are fully alert and that Islam and Islamic ideology are their source of aspirations and inspirations.

He said that they severely repel all those publicities and propaganda aimed at the Muslim community in Europe and are trying to present the facts and real Islamic beliefs, ideals and ideology to Europeans through logic and reasoning.

Ghayasad-din concluded by saying that the Muslim Parliament in Britain has always thrown its support behind oppressed people and will continue to do so as best it can, IRNA reported.



Sanctions Bill United Allies & Opponents Against the U.S.

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - In signing the 'Iran and Libya Sanctions Act,' President Clinton called for a united stand against the two countries, but the only response achieved is in uniting U.S. allies and opponents against the measures.

IRNA reported from London that instead of gaining favor, the act has succeeded in antagonizing even governments normally supportive of U.S. policy as well as producing unusually outspoken criticism from such countries as China and Russia.

Some oil analysts have gone as far as suggesting that the attempt to punish foreign firms trading with Iran and Libya could be a watershed in trans-Atlantic relations, with the European Union being the most vociferous in threatening retaliation.

The extent of the worldwide criticism prompted the Financial Times newspaper here to warn that there was a 'serious risk of diplomatic wires getting crossed to nobody's benefit.'

While supporting European governments as being right in objecting and preparing robust retaliation, it said that the U.S. and its allies must work harder to understand each other's position.

The daily saw the core dispute being that U.S. assertions about supposed terrorism was unproven. Washington, it said, had 'yet to demonstrate that either Tehran or Tripoli is at present engaged in a campaign of state terror against other countries.'

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The Beneficent, the Merciful
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Iranian Diplomat in Mostar Starts Work

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Iran's Consul-General Mohammad Nik-khah officially began his mission in the city of Mostar, in southern Bosnia-Herzegovina on Wednesday.

Nik-khah met with Mostar's Muslim Mayor Safet Orucevic yesterday and reviewed the latest regional developments, particularly Mostar's current situation. Orucevic appreciated Iran's

humanitarian aid to the Bosnian government and nation, and termed the start of Iran's Mostar Consulate activities as an important step. He called on the Iranian diplomat to establish contacts with various international foundations and organizations in the city in order to take measures for the Bosnian nation's benefit. IRNA reported.

Azeri FM to Visit Iran

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Visiting Azeri Foreign Ministry Political Department Director General, Wahdel Sultanazadeh, here Thursday met Deputy Foreign Minister for Euro-American Affairs, Mahmoud Vaezi, to exchange views on issues of mutual interest.

They reviewed historical and present Tehran-Baku ties, and considered the enemy activities aimed at marring mutual friendship as 'ineffective.'

Sultanazadeh has traveled to Iran to arrange for the Azeri Foreign Minister, Hassan Hassanov's

imminent visit to Tehran. He said that Tehran-Baku ties had improved over recent months due to the exchange of numerous visits by Iranian and Azeri high-ranking officials.

He said that exchange of visits by officials was the sign of friendship, making enemies unable to find negative point in Iran-Azerbaijani ties.

He added that Hassanov is to visit Iran to declare deep friendship between Iran and Azerbaijan, adding that the visit would be significant because Hassanov is expected to hold talks with the

Iranian officials on issues relevant to Tehran-Baku bilateral, regional and international ties as well as to exchange views on Caspian Sea's legal regime.

Vaezi welcomed Hassanov's visit to Iran, saying that it would render a suitable opportunity to the two sides to hold talks on issues of mutual interest, especially the Caspian Sea.

He added that a session is to be held at the deputy foreign ministers and foreign ministers level of the Caspian Sea littoral states in order to handle the Caspian Sea relevant issues, IRNA reported.

Two U.S. Sanctions Against Iran Dissipated, Third Attempt Doomed to Fail

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK
TEHRAN - Majlis Vice-Speaker and Security Council Secretary Hassan Rowhani announced Wednesday that the newly imposed U.S. anti-Iran sanction, referred to by U.S. Congress Representative and Economic House Committee Chairman Roth, as the policy of 'systematic economic strangulation' is doomed to fail since all its allies have teamed up to take counter measures in case their interests are endangered.

Rowhani was speaking at the gathering of the Iranian Representative offices' heads based abroad.

He said that despite the three embargoes based on 'systematic economic strangulation,' Iran has been able to emerge successfully, and has in fact attained great achievements, politically, socially and economically speaking.

He said the U.S.' first measure against Iran after the Islamic Revolution's triumph was the freezing of assets, IRNA reported.

The Security Council secretary pointed out that the second phase of the 'systematic economic strangulation' was implemented by banning Iranian products to the United States, U.S. double-purpose goods and transfer of U.S. industrial technology to Iran.

The deputy Majlis Speaker then stressed that this systematic economic strangulation did not stop there, U.S. seeing that its other two attempts were in vain, it imposed yet another sanction prohibiting U.S. companies from investing in Iranian gas and oil industries.



ROWHANI

Rowhani specifically underlined the fact that Iran's international esteem, might and economic growth are showing a healthy upward trend, which has been fully acknowledged by the West.

He added that Western nations were pessimistic about the effects and the impacts it would have on Iran's economy, IRNA reported.

He stated that such systematic economic strangulation has proven ineffective and has on the contrary

helped Iran's leap forward attaining unbelievable achievements economic-wise.

He added that many other instances could be quoted here such as the effective presence of the ummah in different political, social and religious scenes as the anniversary marking the Islamic Revolution's triumph.

He pointed out that mass movements clearly point out Iran's full trust in sovereignty, and an endorsement of the nation regarding the policies pursued against the conspiracies of Islam's enemies, and Iran's unyielding attitude towards fighting the premeditated hegemony.

Rowhani finally stated that the Foreign Ministry, the diplomats and emissaries as principal representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran have been entrusted a sensitive responsibility of coordinating matters related to foreign policy and national security interests.

Flood Inflicts Over 7.5b Rials Damage

FOUMAN, GILAN PROVINCE (IRNA) - Flood triggered by recent torrential rainfall inflicted over 7.5 billion rials in damage on local farmlands and infrastructural installations.

Governor of this northern city Asghar Eslamdoust said here Thursday that the main reason behind the incident was destruction of a bridge constructed over Pishroudabar Bridge, connecting

Fouman and Shaft, adding that four billion rials is needed to reconstruct the bridge.

The flood ruined bridges in rural areas, washed away rural roads, totally destroyed paddy fields, inflicted between 30 and 60 percent of damage on 100 hectares of tea growing lands, destroyed 20 residential units, incurred between 30 and 50 percent of damage on 40 residential units and killed nearly 150 heads of livestock.

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AQAZADEH:

Iranian Oil Industry Will Not Be Affected by Sanctions

TEHRAN (IRNA) - Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh has said that the law on toughening of American sanctions on Iran was doomed to failure even before it was announced.

He added that foreign investments and contracts will not be affected by this move and projects such as exploitation of the Sirri-A and Sirri-E by TOTAL of France are progressing.

"We have received many more offers from foreign companies for implementation of other projects in Iranian oil industry and we are not concerned the least about the sanctions," the minister stressed.

Speaking to IRNA on Wednesday, he added that in the light of the resources and capabilities of Iran's oil industry the latest decision of Bill Clinton will have no impact on Iranian oil industry.

"Americans are well aware that the Iranian oil industry will face no difficulty and future will prove this," the minister added.

More on the Clinton move, he said that such laws damage the national prestige and identity of other countries and European countries in order to protect their identity will have to encounter the laws that U.S. has imposed against them.

Aqazadeh pointed out that on the basis of international laws the U.S. sanctions cannot be implemented and foreign companies will definitely take their cases to international authorities and consequently U.S. will be condemned.

He added that the world needs oil from Iran and other Persian Gulf countries to meet its energy needs and world economy depends on these oil supplies.

Oil minister added that Iran with its vast gas and oil resources plays a key role in international economy and supply of world energy.

According to Aqazadeh, status of Iranian oil industry has never been as good as it is now. The Iranian oil industry in all aspects: production, sale and refining of oil and gas, has become self-reliant and it is in a stage that can export its services.

He further added that Oil Ministry is now engaged in many foreign contracts and is working along major international foreign companies in projects such as exploitation of Shakh Deniz Oil Field, projects in Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, building of joint refinery in Pakistan, exploration operations in Senegal and Libya.

"This demonstrates that the Iranian oil industry has assumed its position in the world oil industry in terms of technical know-how, capability, expertise and experience," he told IRNA.

Aqazadeh made it clear that Iran enjoys the needed technical know-how to implement projects. However, contracts with foreign companies are signed in order to utilize international financial resources.

He concluded that the sanctions



will not hamper Iran's oil revenues and expressed hope that oil revenues this year will not only meet the projected figure in the budget but will yield a \$1.5 to two million additional sum.

Iran, Azerbaijan Discuss Promotion of Trade

BAKU, AZERBAIJAN (IRNA) - Iran's Governor General of Gilan Province, Ali Akbar Tahaie, and Vice Speaker of Azerbaijan's National Assembly, Yashar Aliyev, in a meeting here yesterday discussed the improvement of economic and trade relations between the Iranian northern province of Gilan and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

At the meeting which was also attended by the Azeri Minister of Trade, Miri Qanbarov, and Minister of External Economic Relations, Qodrat Qolliyev, the governor general of the northern Iranian Province of Gilan invited the Republic of Azerbaijan to take part in the Iranian Free Trade Zone (FTZ) of Anzali.

Describing the practical phase of the formation of the two countries' common border market in Astara, Tahaie called for the acceleration of the market construction works and the resolution on the related problems.

Astara's common border market is going to be constructed at a cost of \$1 million out of which, over \$250,000 have already been spent on the joint-construction project.

Tahaie said that Gilan Province will provide assistance to the Republic of Azerbaijan in the resurfacing of the tarmac roads and supply of electricity to the Azeri Astara customs.

The provincial governor stated

that electricity supply is expected to be connected to the Azeri customs from the Iranian electricity grid on Monday.

Cooperation in the sectors of customs, fisheries and agriculture between the Iranian Province of Gilan and the Republic of Azerbaijan were the other agenda discussed at the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, it was announced that an Azeri delegation would be paying an official visit to Gilan Province in the near future with an aim to review the ways of Azeri participation in the Free Trade Zone of Anzali and exchange of views with the provincial officials concerning the elimination of some obstacles in the way of setting up of the common border market at Astara.

1,500 Barrels of Motor Oil Produced in Abadan Refinery

ABADAN, KHUZESTAN PROVINCE (IRNA) - A total of 1,500 barrels of motor oil are daily produced at oil producing units of Abadan Refinery.

Head of the Oil Producing Complex at the Refinery Abdolhassan Bamoniri said here Wednesday that the annual output of the complex is 80,000 tons.

Bamoniri said that his refinery was ready to raise its output by 50 percent, which equals 2,500 barrels per day.

He added that the complex met 30 percent of the country's need

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Russia and Iran in Joint Venture of Port Construction Project

ALMATI, KAZAKHSTAN (IRNA) - The daily Akarvan Blitz published in Almaty said in its Wednesday issue that Russia was to build a new port in Olia of Astrakhan with the joint investment of Iran.

Olia is 90 kilometers north of Astrakhan and once complete, the port will have adequate facilities to load and unload as much as 10 million tons of cargo annually.

According to an agreement between Iran and Russia Iranian vessels at the Caspian Sea can now berth at Mkhach Qalch of Dagestan where they can load or unload their cargo.

France, Iran Resolving Export-Insurance Dispute

TEHRAN (AFP) - France and Iran have moved to resolve financial problems, mainly involving a debt of 120 million dollars to French auto-maker Peugeot, sources here said.

An agreement formalized quietly at the beginning of July could remove a major obstacle in the resumption by Coface, the French export trade's public insurance organization, of partial coverage for exports to Iran.

France and its European Union partners are opposed to the isolation of Iran by Washington, which clamped an economic embargo on Tehran in June 1995.

The United States Monday adopted new sanctions on foreign companies investing in Iran's and Libya's gas and oil sectors. Washington accuses both countries of supporting terrorism.

French and Iranian sources say that the reimbursement of 120 million dollars owed to Peugeot will be made via deliveries of Iranian oil to the French company TOTAL. The amount is assured by the French Bank Societe Generale.

The agreement also includes: - 120 million dollars covering the 1996 delivery of Peugeot car parts for the company Iran-Khodro, which assembles the 405 model near Tehran. The Central Bank of Iran (CBI) has issued letters of credit for this sum.

- Another 120 million dollars for purchases of food, medicine and other necessities by Iran. CBI has also provided letters of credit for this amount.

Coface stopped its coverage in Iran in 1993, and there have since been several negotiations on the Iranian debt.

A new guarantee on exports to Iran, and the application of the coverage have not yet been determined.

The amount of the guarantees for exports by Western countries varies, financial sources say. Germany has resumed its coverage with a ceiling of 100 million marks (10 million dollars) for medium-term operations, and 50 million

marks for short-term business.

Japan offers guarantees only for the short-term of as much as 3 billion yen (280 million dollars). Spain offers guarantees of up to 300 million dollars for the short-term and 250 million dollars for medium-term business.

Italy and Britain do not cover exports to Iran.

Speaker Breaks Ground for Embankment Dam in Ajabshir

AJABSHIR, EAST AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE (IRNA) - Executive operations on Qaleh-Chay embankment dam were launched here yesterday in presence of Majlis Speaker Hojatoleslam Ali-Akbar Nateq-Nouri.

The 35-billion-rial embankment dam is being built over the River Qaleh-Chay. Its height is 72 meters from the river bed and its width at its foundation is 335 meters. The crest of the dam is 320 meters long.

Once complete, the dam will irrigate 11,500 hectares of regional farmland and could be used for fish farming.

The dam has a reservoir capacity of 40 million cubic meters, which once operational would raise the amount of agricultural products by three to four folds.

Nateq-Nouri also inaugurated on Wednesday the Center for Research in the Technical University of Sahand Township.

The center has been built on a 4,000 square meter area at the cost of one billion rials.

The Speaker also broke the ground for construction of university's dormitory. The project is estimated to cost 1.5 billion rials.

Hojatoleslam Nateq-Nouri, who arrived in Tabriz on Wednesday, also inaugurated a water supply project in Kliber, 18 km from the provincial capital of Tabriz.

The project, launched in 1993, has cost 4.5 billion rials.

Sumitomo Bank Closes New York Settlement of Iranian Checks

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's Sumitomo Bank said yesterday it had ceased settlement in New York of travelers checks issued in Iran after the U.S. Treasury Department informed the bank such activity violated a presidential order.

An official said the travelers checks in question were issued by Sumitomo Bank through several Iranian banks. The dollar-denominated checks had been settled by the bank's New York branch.

The Treasury Department notified the bank on July 10 that the settlement in New York constituted a violation of an order President Bill Clinton issued last May regarding sanctions against Iran.

"We stopped the business operations immediately," said Shunsuke Kanzawa, deputy general manager of the bank's international planning department, adding that the bank had also stopped issuing travelers checks through Iranian banks.

"We are now telling banks that brought the travelers checks to our New York branch that we cannot settle them," Kanzawa said, adding that the checks would be settled if sent to Tokyo.

Collection of the affected travelers checks still in circulation was expected to take two-to-three months, industry observers said.

2nd Int'l Industrial-Trade Fair of Anzali Port Over

ANZALI PORT, GILAN PROVINCE (IRNA) - The Second International Trade and Industrial Fair of Bandar Anzali ended its work on Wednesday.

A total of 105 Iranian and seven foreign companies from Austria, Pakistan, Russia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) joint chamber had put their products on

display at the week-long fair.

Deputy Governor General of this northern province for Planning, Administrative and Financial Affairs Najafi said here on Thursday that the fair was set up to introduce the economic zone of Anzali Port to the visitors.

Meanwhile, Head of the Fair, Abadi said that an average of 12,000 persons had visited the fair daily.

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In Resolving
Iran Dispute

Iranian officials say they are only for the short term of a few days. The Iranian government has offered to pay up to \$100 million for the short-term and \$1 billion for the long-term. Iran and Britain do not come to any agreement.

Speaker Breaks
Ground for
Embarkment
Dam in Ajabshir

ABJABSHIR, IRAN - The speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Ayatollah Ali Akbar Khamenei, broke ground for the embarkment dam in Ajabshir, 120 km from Tehran, on Wednesday.

The dam, which is 1.5 km long and 120 m high, will be the largest dam in Iran. It is expected to be completed in 1995.

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U.S. Flexibility

WASHINGTON, U.S.A. - The State Department separately said it intended to move forward and implement the law but it emphasized that the administration has latitude in deciding whether to impose sanctions.

"There is a great degree of flexibility that is built into this legislation," State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said.

The president is given the option of choosing any two of six sanctions, some of which could amount to little more than a slap on the wrist.

These include a ban on exports of U.S. technology, on financial assistance from the Export-Import Bank and on access to federal government contracts.

Burns stressed that the president has "the flexibility to waive the sanctions, should we believe that any country beyond our shores has taken tougher measures against Iran and Libya."

"We'd like to see, frankly, some of these European governments adopt tougher measures against Iran," Burns said. "Should they do so, I think they'll be met halfway by the United States."

D'Amato Law
"Doomed to Fail,"
Cuba Says

HAVANA, CUBA - The U.S. d'Amato Law seeking to impose sanctions on those doing business in Iran and Libya is "doomed to fail" along with the Helms-Burton Law that tightens the U.S. embargo on Cuba, a government spokesman said Thursday.

Cuba called the d'Amato Law an "aggression" against the two countries in violation of international law.

"They (d'Amato and Helms-Burton) are doomed to fail," said Mariamela Fierro, at a news conference in Havana. She said the Cuban government rejects "all hegemonic actions and aspirations" from Washington.

Malaysia Opposes
U.S. Sanctions

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA (IRNA) - Malaysian Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Wednesday expressed strong opposition to the U.S. sanctions against Iran and Libya, calling them "unacceptable."

This is the first time Malaysia announced its official view on the matter.

Malaysia has the right to act on its own, the minister said, adding the U.S. sanctions were discussed in the weekly Cabinet session Wednesday and it was decided that the issue should be reviewed with other members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to adopt a unified stance.

Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam are member states of ASEAN.

The Malaysian foreign minister also said that his country will table its opposition to the latest U.S. sanctions in the summit meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Organization (APEC), to be held in Manila, the Philippines, next November.

Zhirinovsky:
Clinton Cannot
Force EU to Sever
Relations with Iran

MOSCOW, RUSSIA (IRNA) - Leader of Liberal Democrat Party of Russia, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, told IRNA Wednesday that Washington would not be able to compel Europe to sever relations with Iran.

He said the United States had launched a propaganda campaign against Iran for snatching the Islamic Republic and by such devices as leveling charges of terrorism against it.

Persian Gulf all their forces would be surrounded.

"If there is an attack on the security of the region, the United States will pay the full price," he said in a speech in the northeast town of Mashhad.

"The Pasdaran (Revolutionary Guards) will not allow the United States to interfere in Iran's internal affairs. The Americans must learn that the Persian Gulf must be a safe place for everybody."

Rezaei's warning came a day after Iran accused the United States of violating its airspace with flights over the Persian Gulf port of Bushehr and the strategic island of Abu Musa.

The Pentagon denied the Iranian charges and said the aircraft were taking part in one of several military exercises in the Persian Gulf.

A flurry of exercises and troop movements have temporarily raised U.S. force levels in the Persian Gulf to some 24,000, according to Pentagon officials, who stress that the war games have long been planned and are "not related to any real world situation."

But Iran's Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati has accused the United States of preparing a military attack against his country and urged the United Nations to intervene to stop the "dangerous move."

U.S. President Bill Clinton, accusing Iran of being a leading sponsor of terrorism, on Monday signed a bill threatening sanctions against non-U.S. companies investing in Iran's and Libya's oil sectors.

Iran's paramount Leader Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei vowed on Wednesday his country would stand firm against the new U.S. law.

Iran's Naval
Challenge to U.S.
Domination of
Persian Gulf

LONDON (IRNA) - Iran's naval strength and firepower has created the potential to react if provoked and challenged by the U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf, according to Jane's Intelligence Review.

Assessing the navy's capability, the monthly said that although Iran could not match the number of U.S. naval and air forces in the region, it was "able to inflict considerable damage in the event of a new confrontation."

It described Iran's naval expansion as part of an overall rearmament program following the imposed 1980-88 Iraq War, including the acquisition of fast attack craft, missiles and submarines.

It reported also an intensification of naval exercises over the past few years with such conflict scenarios as attacking major port facilities presumed to "impede or deny U.S. sealift access in the event of rapid and massive deployment of heavy weapons."

Naval power projection, Jane's said in its September issue, was essential for Iran, which has more than 1,400 km of coastline and to protect offshore oil and gas facilities that were highly vulnerable to seaborne raids as shown by U.S. attacks in 1987-88.

It also said that Iran's growing naval build-up in the Hormuz Strait had "considerably enhanced" its ability to close the Persian Gulf, through which a fifth of the world's oil supplies pass, but saw "no good reason at this time" to do so.

Despite a Western arms embargo, the Iranian Navy clearly dominated the Persian Gulf during the Iraqi War and was seeking to do so again "challenging the U.S. presence" and the dependence of Arab neighbors on the West for defense, the magazine said.

As an agreed working formula, Erbakan became prime minister and Ciller took over the Foreign Ministry. It is believed that the coalition government in Turkey will work because of rational steps taken by Erbakan.

And recently, the response his government gave to the United States was another clear proof that Erbakan will follow an independent policy which is appreciable.

The Erbakan government spokesman Abdullah Gul responding to the American threat, "Turkey does not have to ask for the authorization from the United States on its foreign relations."

Trade between Iran and Turkey amounted to \$960 million last year, with Iranian oil exports accounting for two thirds of the total commerce.

According to an announcement made on Thursday by Oil Minister Gholam Reza Aqazadeh, Iran and Turkey, during the Erbakan visit, will sign a \$20 billion agreement for the transfer of Iranian natural gas to Turkey.

Aqazadeh made this announcement after his meeting with Turkish Energy and Natural Resources Minister Racai Kuan who arrived here as a member of an advance delegation from his country prior to Erbakan's visit.

The Iran-Turkish accord extends to the year 2020 and provides for shipping four billion cubic meters of Iranian gas a year to Turkey.

A pipeline will be built from Tabriz in East Azarbaijan Province to the Turkish border within two and a half years for transporting the Iranian gas.

Iran has the world's second largest gas reserves after Russia which is estimated to have 21 trillion cubic meters.

Through this Iran-Turkish accord Tehran is expected to earn one billion dollars in hard currency per year, Aqazadeh said.

Erbakan's visit to Iran is the first for the new Turkish prime minister. Turkey was on President Hashemi Rafsanjani's itinerary when he toured abroad after his election as the President in 1989.

Rafsanjani and Erbakan will hold several rounds of talks during the 3-day visit of the Turkish prime minister to discuss bilateral,

regional and international issues. After his Tehran visit, Erbakan will travel to Pakistan, Singapore and Malaysia.

integrity of the Russian state". But 1,500 kilometers (900 miles) away in Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, human rights and Russia's territorial integrity were taking a severe battering on the fourth day of an offensive in the city by some 2,000 independence fighters.

The offensive launched on Tuesday is seen as a direct challenge to the president by the Chechen separatists who accuse Yeltsin of having proclaimed a cease-fire in Chechnya at the end of May purely to enhance his chances of being reelected.

"Grozny puts on gory fireworks display ahead of Kremlin oath-taking ceremony an opposition daily headlined ironically on Thursday."

At the other end of the political spectrum, a handful of ultra-democrats gathered in Moscow on Thursday to appeal to Yeltsin to withdraw Russian troops from Chechnya and open talks on the status of the Caucasian republic.

Russians Oust
Chechens from
Key Grozny
Positions

Battered Russian troops were yesterday reported to have ousted Chechen rebels from the republic's main government building as fighting raged for control of Chechnya's three biggest towns.

Interfax news agency, citing the Russian military command, said the rebels had been chased from the building housing Chechnya's pro-Moscow government and that 20 Russian journalists had been rescued from an official residence.

Earlier, the Interior Ministry in Moscow and news agencies said the nearby Interior Ministry building had not fallen into rebel hands, as the separatists had claimed, although fierce fighting was continuing.

The claims could be independently verified due to the fierce fighting raging in the capital.

A Russian military commander cited by Interfax earlier said federal troops were advancing on the city center buildings with Interior and Defense Ministry units.

Meanwhile in Gudermes and Argun, Chechnya's next two biggest towns east of Grozny, the rebels were reported to have pulled off major successes.

A Russian military source quoted by Interfax said Chechen fighters were in control of most of Argun, 15 kilometers (nine miles) from Grozny, although the separatists say they have controlled it since Tuesday.

Fighting was still raging around the federal military headquarters there, the agency added.

Russian television reported that the Russian army headquarters in Gudermes had been captured by the rebels. But that federal troops were marching to the town from neighboring Dagestan.

The attacks on Gudermes and Argun were launched simultaneously to the one on the capital.

Chechen forces were also reported to be attacking army positions at Grozny's civilian airport, one of the two key bases for Russian troops in the area.

A Russian staff headquarters

WEATHER

Tehran Temperature			
Maximum	36°C		
Minimum	26°C		
Shiny sky with wind			
Temperature extremes till noon today			
High: Ahwaz	47°C		
Low: Takab	10°C		
Temperature in some major cities of the world on August 8, 1996			
Abu Dhabi	37°C	Rome	29°C
Paris	25°C	Karachi	28°C
Madrid	30°C	Delhi	33°C
Vienna	25°C	London	20°C

officer admitted earlier that the situation in Grozny was "totally out of control," and that 7,000 troops were trapped by the rebels.

He said Russian "units blocked in Grozny are not even trying to attack the separatists, limiting themselves to passive defense."

Chechen rebels meanwhile admitted they had been forced to suspend an assault on the federal security service headquarters in the center after Russian armor broke through to reinforce beleaguered federal forces there, a Chechen spokesman told Interfax.

Three tanks took up position near the besieged building and blasted rebel positions, forcing separatists to pull back 50 to 70 meters (yards) and halt their operation to take the building, where Russian troops earlier rejected a surrender offer.

The Chechens said they had destroyed two other tanks trying to relieve the building.

Konstantin Pulikovskiy, the Russian commander in Chechnya, said the situation in Grozny "is difficult but not out of control."

Sergei Slipchenko, spokesman for a Russian commission on the Chechen crisis, said separatist fighters had attacked Grozny's civilian airport with automatic weapons and grenade launchers, Interfax reported.

must be stationed at oil pumping terminals in Iraq and Turkey to monitor exports.

The third step is to deploy monitors to check the arrival of humanitarian supplies, while observers are to confirm the equitable distribution of the food and medicine.

U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali will then inform the Security Council that preparatory steps have been completed, after which the deal can come into force.

The oil-for-food deal is a temporary exception to help ease the suffering of the Iraqi people. The oil embargo is to remain in force until Iraq has complied with U.N. disarmament requirements.

to oil, saving the country about 32 million rials.

The oil producing units at the refinery were ruined by 90 percent during the Iraqi imposed war (1980-88).

According to Bamoniri, overhauling and procurement of parts and equipment required by the units had cost Oil Ministry \$9.5 million plus 1.2 billion rials.

mund Meschke's memory.

This crisis came about through

the change of location. Almost 40 Germans involved in the film and Count Trenberg's family entourage moved from Berlin to Rome. When they arrived, the studio sets were not even ready. Everyone waited for weeks. And the Germans discovered Italy as a land of abundance where pastries, various cheeses, and white baguettes grew out of tables.

That gave rise to a problem. When Rossellini and his crew watched the first rushes produced in Rome, to their horror they saw smart, flourishing, well-nourished people on the screen, who had little in common with the scrawny, pallid, needy actors filmed in Berlin. The Italian crew dreaded the idea of putting the Germans of a harsh diet so that they returned to the authentic appearances of 1945. Nevertheless from that time - says Carlo Lizzani - a shadow lay across the meal-breaks during shooting. Filming was held up once again when Edmund became ill and spent two weeks in a hotel bed in Rome. Carlo Lizzani does not remember any diagnosis, but he speaks as a matter of course of "Edmund's breakdown" as if that was how the film crew talked about it at the time. For Edmund Meschke the period of illness was an especially cosy time. Every day the director in person came to his bedside and they were alone together. Roberto Rossellini spoke and understood absolutely no German, but in Edmund's memory there were no language problems.

Tracking down Edmund was a difficult and prolonged task. Correspondingly great was disappointment that Herr Meschke may have been pleased, time and again, to conduct long telephone conversations but constantly postponed the initially agreed meeting until it was clear that this would not take place. Once he expressed concern that people might make moody out of his treasures - the photos taken during shooting. As time passed, however, it seemed increasingly likely that even more important to him than these photos was his appearance on film.

During the final telephone conversation Herr Meschke talked about his son who had just come home with his school report. He was exactly the same age as his father in *Germania Anno Zero*, and according to Herr Meschke looked just like him at that time. It would perhaps have been rather uncanny to have seen the two together, the father and the son who could have emerged phantom like out of the film and the desolation of 1945.

(Courtesy KULTURCHRONIK)

SOLUTION:

Solution to today's problem (No. 47)

1. T X F7+ F X F7

2. Dg5+ Reg (or Rd6)

3. Des+ Mate

R = King, D = Queen, T = Rook, F = Bishop, C = Knight

Problems will appear every other day on the SPORTS page.

Netanyahu Steeped in Crises as Levy Rebels



Jerusalem (AFP) - Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu added another week buffeted by difficult turmoil yesterday with a foreign minister in open rebellion and his justice minister forced to resign by legal woes.

Foreign Minister David Levy scotched the weekly Cabinet meeting yesterday amid fresh reports he might resign in a dispute with Netanyahu over the sharing of responsibility for foreign policy.

Levy remained holed up at his home in the northern town of Betan and made no public statement, but officials said negotiations between aides to the two men were continuing.

Tigers Blast Japan-Bound Cargo, Appeal for Foreign Help

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA (AFP) - Tamil guerrillas yesterday attacked a Japan-bound foreign merchant vessel in Sri Lanka and killed eight more soldiers while calling for international help to end fighting, officials said.

The Philippine-registered M. Princess was loading a cargo of iron ore at the mineral-rich town of Pulmoddai when it was attacked, shipping officials said.

They said the 21 Filipino crew members but seven local dock workers were wounded in the explosion which blew a hole in the 1,000-ton vessel, local officials said.

The Sri Lankan navy rushed boats to the area and were towing the crippled cargo ship to Trincomalee, 257 kilometers (160 miles) northeast of here, for repairs, officials said.

U.S. Embassy Recommends U.S. Nationals Leave Burundi

BURUNDI (AFP) - The U.S. embassy in Bujumbura has advised U.S. nationals to leave Burundi, spokeswoman Judith Kaula told AFP yesterday.

Kaula also said that some of the staff at the embassy would be going.

About 80 Americans are estimated to be working in Burundi, many for humanitarian organizations.

Sources in the capital suggested that other embassies may follow suit.

doubt.

Levy, a relative moderate in a government dominated by hardline nationalists, has bristled almost since the administration took office in June because Netanyahu was running most Israeli diplomacy from his own office, ignoring the Foreign Ministry.

Netanyahu notably left Levy out of his three foreign visits - to Washington, Cairo and Amman - and carried out much of his diplomatic work through his top foreign policy adviser, Dorc Gold.

The crisis came to a head when Netanyahu said he would name his own Cabinet Secretary, Danny Naveh, to head a steering committee to oversee negotiations with the Palestinians which Levy had wanted to control.

Netanyahu later backed down and agreed to name a neutral former army chief of staff, Don Shomron, to head the committee, but this was not enough for Levy.

Levy's revolt yesterday came a day after Justice Minister Yaacov Neeman was forced to resign after a police investigation was opened into allegations he obstructed justice in a long-standing legal case against the head of the influential Ultra-Orthodox Shas Party, Ariel Deri.

In a related news, the new Israeli government warned yesterday that it would not enter negotiations with Yasser Arafat

and the Palestinian Authority until the Palestinians halt official political activities in Arab East Jerusalem.

"We cannot resume negotiations with the Palestinians as long as they are violating existing autonomy agreements by carrying on illegal political activities in Jerusalem," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a communique issued at the end of the weekly Cabinet meeting.

In another development, Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat is to chair a meeting of his Fatah Movement in Cairo today to discuss efforts to relaunch the peace process with Israel, a Palestinian envoy said yesterday.

Mohammad Sobeih, Palestinian delegate to the Arab League, said 16 members of Fatah's Central Committee would attend the meeting, which will open today and close on Sunday.

They will focus on "ways to confront recent measures taken by the Israeli government to relaunch Jewish settlement building in the Palestinian territories, and the results of Arafat's intense diplomatic activity over recent weeks to relaunch the Israeli-Palestinian peace process."

Arafat will be in Cairo for talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. The Palestinian leader traveled to Jordan on Wednesday to discuss his concerns for the peace process with King Hussein.



GAZA, GAZA STRIP: King Hussein of Jordan (L) walks alongside President of the Palestinian Authority Yasser Arafat in the city of Aqaba, Jordan, August 7. The two men discussed the future of the stalled peace process and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's decision to ease restrictions imposed by the former Labor government on the expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. (AFP Photo)

Philippine Peace Pact with Muslims to Be Signed in Late August

MANILA (AFP) - The Philippine government and the main Muslim activist group are to hammer out a peace agreement during a last round of talks in Indonesia from August 28-30, officials said yesterday.

Press Secretary Hector Villanueva announced the new schedule of the talks as Indonesian Ambassador to Manila Abu Hartono expressed Jakarta's readiness to host the talks with the

insurgent Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

Villanueva told reporters he was hopeful that the final draft of an agreement to end 24 years of sectarian strife in the southern island of Mindanao would be "initiated" by negotiators from both sides in the Jakarta talks.

The formal signing of the peace agreement is scheduled in the Philippines, officials have said.

Investigation Begins into British Train Collision That Killed One, Injured 60

LONDON (AFP) - Rail safety experts yesterday sifted a crash site for clues to why two trains were on the same track at the same time when they collided northwest of London late Thursday, killing one and injuring 60.

Fourteen people were hospitalized and a main commuter line remained blocked as investigators using "black box" recorders recovered from both trains constructed an "action replay" of the moments before the crash.

A commuter train heading north out of London's Euston sta-

tion with 400 passengers at the height of the evening rush hour slammed into an empty freight standing stationery on the same track, officials said.

Initial inquiries were said to be focusing on the possibility of either signal failure or driver error.

The accident fueled a debate on privatization of British railways, the Labor opposition accusing the Conservative government of having sold off British rail's public monopoly at the risk of sacrificing safety.

Families Launch Homicide Suit Over TWA Crash

CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE (AFP) - Families of three French victims of the TWA Flight 800 crash have launched a legal suit for homicide in a bid to find out more information about how their loved ones died, law-

yers said yesterday.

Under French law their suit does not identify a defendant, but requests that the French state prosecution service investigate the circumstances of the deaths on the doomed TWA Flight on July 17.

"We want time-bound universal disarmament," Reddy told AFP. "The CTBT in its present form does not adequately address India's security concerns."

India has refused to sign the CTBT unless it talks for total disarmament by the five acknowledged nuclear weapons states -

Britain, France, China, Russia and the United States - within a time schedule.

"As long as a date (for universal disarmament) is not indicated, the whole exercise will remain a collection of pious platitudes," Reddy said.

U.S. "Heavy Handed" in Asia, Says Australian Deputy PM

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (AFP) - Australian Trade Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer attacked the United States yesterday for being "heavy-handed" on human rights issues in Asia.

His comment followed a scathing speech in Jakarta Thursday by former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who accused the U.S. of "hypocrisy" and "preaching" to Asian countries on human rights.

The outspoken Fischer said he had never agreed with "heavy-handed criticism of human rights, whether it comes from the U.S., from Great Britain or from elements in Australia in respect of Asia."

He also lashed out at a new U.S. law penalizing non-American companies for trading with Iran and Libya, describing it as part of a U.S. trend toward extra-territorial legislation.

Speaking after releasing a review of Australia's trade relationship with the U.S., Fischer said he found U.S. heavy-handedness counter-productive, adding: "It's not the way I would proceed." He cited the U.S.'s poor record on addressing poverty and the thousands of American lives he said were lost each year through failure to "stare down the gun lobby" as evidence of hypocrisy in Washington.

War of the Parades Heats up in Londonderry

LONDONDERRY, N. IRELAND (AFP) - A sectarian war of parades heated up yesterday with Roman Catholics vowing to march on the eve of a massive Protestant parade already banned from a key part of the city's ancient wall.

Protestants, whose traditional apprentice boys march was set for Saturday, were enraged when the government, citing the risk of violence, on Wednesday closed off a 400-meter (440 yard) stretch of the wall that abuts the Catholic Bogside area.

That stretch is part of the traditional route of an annual parade commemorating the heroism of 13 Protestant apprentice boys who thwarted a Catholic siege here 300 years ago by locking the city gates.

Organizers said they expected more than 10,000 Protestants to gather here from across Northern Ireland for the parade.

The apprentice boys, a fraternal order built around the legend of the siege, claim the closure was a concession to Catholic nationalist pressure and trampled on their civil liberties.

They charged that the Bogside residents association and the Sinn Féin political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) were behind



The Catholic community had, in fact, demanded that the march not be allowed near the Bogside, claiming a Protestant "triumphalist" parade passing close to their back doors would have deliberately provoked confrontation.

India Ready to Block Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

NEW DELHI, INDIA (AFP) - India yesterday defended its decision to block the nuclear Test Ban Treaty, which it considers discriminatory, amid general agreement here that it should retain the nuclear option.

The government of new Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and

major opposition parties defended New Delhi's opposition to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) being negotiated in Geneva.

"The treaty is highly discriminatory," said Jaipal Reddy, the spokesman for Deve Gowda's Janata Dal (People's Party).

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CAIRO, EGYPT (AFP) - Egypt has begun secret contacts with Israel aimed at finding a compromise likely to lead to a resumption of stalled Israeli-Syrian peace talks, an Egyptian official said yesterday.

The official, asking not to be named, said Israel was "trying to convince Egypt of its Lebanon-first option so Cairo will persuade Damascus to accept it in turn."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has floated a proposal to end the six-month deadline in Israeli-Syrian talks whereby the two countries first reach a settlement in Lebanon where they both have troops.

But Syrian President Hafez al-Assad rejected the option on Wednesday with the backing of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after the two leaders met in Egypt's Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

According to Israel radio, Netanyahu's top Foreign Policy Adviser Dore Gold made a hush-hush visit to Egypt late Thursday for talks with Mubarak aide Ussama al-Baz.

But the official refused to confirm Gold's visit or whether it was part of the new contacts, saying: "Discretion is sometimes needed to give efforts aimed at relaunching the peace process a chance of success."

The peace process has been the subject of mounting concern since Netanyahu took office in June. The right-wing Israeli leader has infuriated Arab leaders by refusing to hand back occupied land in exchange for peace.

Syria's key demand in peace negotiations is the return of the Golan Heights, seized by Israel in 1967 and later annexed.

"Faced with these two positions, Egypt is trying to find a compromise formula between the two parties which would unblock the situation without abandoning the principle of land-for-peace," the official said.

He could not however give details on the type of compromise being sought.

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MOGADISHU (AFP) - Ethiopian forces supported by tanks, armored vehicles and fighter planes have attacked and occupied the Somali border towns of Dolow, Luq, Bulhawo and Bohol Garas, reports reaching here said yesterday.

The reports indicated that the invasion was the result of fighting that has been going on for a long time in the border area between Ethiopian forces and Muslim guerrillas of the Al-Itihad al-Islam group.

The group is suspected to have bombed the Wahi Shebele Hotel in the Ethiopian capital Monday, killing one and wounding at least 10 others.

**U.S. Marines Demonstrate Ability
to 'Project Power' in Persian Gulf**

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Hundreds of U.S. marines landed on a beach north of Kuwait City yesterday as part of exercises aimed at demonstrating the quick-action capability of American forces in the Persian Gulf.

The amphibious exercise was conducted to "demonstrate our (U.S.) capability to project power without any dependence on any infrastructure such as ports," said Colonel John C. Garrett, commanding officer of the 13th marine expeditionary force.

The landing, which was held 30 kilometers (20 miles) north of Kuwait City, was part of exercise rugged nautilus - one of several exercises and special deployments that have increased the number of U.S. troops in the region to 24,000 since early July.

The exercises were heightened after the June 25 truck bombing of a U.S. housing compound in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 American servicemen.

"The security situation, the threats, the unfortunate events that happened, obviously suggest that everyone should be more careful, so we are," Garrett said.

The marine commander said the threats have motivated his troops to focus better on force protection.

"It kind of serves as a wake up call to every one that there is a tension," Garrett said. "So it may serve to focus everyone a little bit better on issues like force protection and practicing."

The exercises come amid rising tension with Iran, which Defense Secretary William Perry last week accused of being the "leading candidate" for international terrorism directed at the United States.

Iran charged Thursday that U.S. warplanes had violated its

airspace, causing a sonic boom over the Persian Gulf port city of Bushahr and overflying the strategic island of Abi Musssa.

Force levels in the Persian Gulf will get another boost yesterday, with the deployment of 1,200 U.S. army troops to Kuwait from U.S. bases for a four-month exercise called Intrinsic Action 96-3, the Pentagon said.

The battalion-sized force, the third to be rotated through Kuwait this year, will train with tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles prepositioned in the Persian Gulf state, according to the Pentagon.

Several U.S. helicopters landed near the Kuwaiti beach early yesterday, unloading about 200 marines. This first wave was to secure the land for the Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), which hit the beach half an hour later unloading light armored and other vehicles.

The landing exercise is to continue for two days by which time 2,000 marines will be on Kuwaiti soil. The marines will conduct two weeks of unilateral exercises in Kuwait.

Sarin May Have Blow Toward U.S. Forces During P.G. War, CIA

WASHINGTON, U.S.A. (AFP) - A CIA study has projected that U.S. air attacks on Iraqi chemical weapons plants during the 1991 Persian Gulf War sent clouds of nerve gas blowing toward allied positions in Saudi Arabia.

The CIA used a computer model to estimate the southerly drift of the nerve gas sarin from an Iraqi weapons plant at Muhannadiyat, west of Baghdad, which was hit in U.S. air attacks in January 1991, according to a CIA report released last month.

Based on Iraqi statements, the model estimated that 2.9 metric tons of sarin were released in the attacks, according to the report.



HAEJU, NORTH KOREA: Residents of Haeju make their way across a damaged bridge after the recent floods that completely flooded the town and caused 32 deaths with 350 still missing July 3. Flooding in North Korea has pushed the nation's food supplies to breaking point and its people are starving according to the Red Cross.

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EU Accountants Say Money Wasted in Mostar

BONN, GERMANY (AFP) - The accounting department of the European Union has said EU money is being wasted in the southern Bosnian city of Mostar, according to a confidential internal report published yesterday by the German daily Bild.

It criticizes the way large sums of cash were handled and a lack of control exercised by the local European administration which has run the city, divided between Muslims and Croats, since July 1994.

The report said the paymaster of EU police in Mostar had carried up to half a million dem (\$333,300) in a camera bag, accounts were irregular and suppliers were not required to make out invoices.

Bild quoted the report as saying there was "deep concern" that 582,000 dem had been spent for which there were no invoices.

Meanwhile, French Foreign Ministry announced yesterday senior officials from the Contact Group of countries on ex-Yugoslavia will meet in Brussels on Monday.

The officials will discuss preparations for next month's elections in Bosnia, and also broach more general issues including a French two-year peace consolidation plan, said ministry spokesman Yves Douriaux.

The contact group comprises Britain, France, Germany, Russia, and the United States. The Brussels meeting will be held one month before Bosnia ballots scheduled for September 14.

In another incident the top U.S. official on Bosnia, John Kornblum, yesterday met Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic for talks ahead of a crucial summit of the three top Balkan leaders in Geneva next week.

Kornblum, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian affairs, arrived in Belgrade late Thursday from Sarajevo and met Milosevic in a villa in the Dedinje of the Serbian capital.

The U.S. mediator was in the Balkans to prepare the ground for a Balkan summit organized by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Geneva next Wednesday.

The summit will bring together Milosevic, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, one month to the day before Bosnia's first post-war general elections on September 14.



ATHENS, GREECE: Croatian President Franjo Tudjman (L) and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic (R) flank Greek Prime Minister Costas Simitis (C) at lunch after their meeting in the Vouliagmeni suburb of Athens August 7. Serbia and Croatia are to establish diplomatic relations after a meeting of their foreign ministers in Belgrade at the end of the month. It was the first time the Croatian and Serbian leaders had met officially since 1991.



MOSCOW, RUSSIAN FEDERATION: The leader of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation Gennady Zyuganov (L) and the last prime minister of the Soviet era Nikolay Ryzhkov (R) laugh during their press conference after the first Constitution Congress of the People's Patriotic Union, August 7. Gennady Zyuganov was named as chairman of the new political movement and Nikolay Ryzhkov - the chairman of executive committee of this union.

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The World at a Glance

SRINAGAR, INDIA - The Indian government is willing to hold talks with Kashmiri Muslim militants aimed at finding a solution to the separatist rebellion in the northern state, Home Minister Indrajit Gupta said yesterday.

TOKYO, JAPAN - Japan's worst outbreak of food poisoning in half a century claimed its eighth victim yesterday with the death of a baby girl near Tokyo raising fears that the infection was spreading to the capital.

SHANGHAI, CHINA - A boat carrying more than 50 passengers capsized in flood-swollen river in southwestern Sichuan province killing 20 people, a newspaper reported yesterday.

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA - Three Saudis found guilty of abducting and raping a young boy were beheaded by sword in Riyadh yesterday, the Interior Ministry announced.

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U.S.A. Reject Iranian Paralympics Visa Requests

TEHRAN (AFP) - The United States has turned down Iranian visa requests for some of their athletes due to compete in the Paralympics which start in Atlanta on August 15, according to the Iranian Press Agency IRNA.

IRNA cited Iranian sports chiefs who said that the American authorities had "refused to grant visas" to an athlete, a weightlifter and four administrators due to travel with the team because they had not presented the required documents.

Iran and the U.S.A. have been involved in a renewed war of words since President Bill Clinton accused Iran of being a supporter of international terrorism last week.

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Perry Grabs Clubhouse Lead

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

(AFP) - Home-state hero Kenny Perry sank a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole in the gathering storm of sunset here Thursday to grab a one-stroke lead at the 78th PGA championship.

Perry, never better than 49th in the prior PGA championships, had a six-under par 66 to stand one stroke ahead of defending champion Steve Elkington of Australia at the year's final major golf tournament.

"You have folks living and dying with every stroke but I know I'll sleep well," Perry said after his best round in a major.

A thunderstorm of almost four hours delayed play so that when darkness came, 60 of 150 starters remained on the course. They will finish Friday before beginning their second rounds at Valhalla Golf Club.

Perry, who lives in a small town 192 kilometers away, was in the 18th fairway when the horn sounded for darkness. Players have the option of completing the hole they are playing and Perry wanted to finish his round.

"I didn't want to come out early in the morning to hit one shot," Perry said. "I was in a decent rhythm so I wanted to go ahead and get it over with."

Perry put his approach in a front bunker but blasted out and sank the go-ahead putt.

"I have not been putting real well lately but it seemed like every time I hit went into the middle of

the cup," Perry said.

Of those unable to finish round one, Phil Mickelson stood at six-under par though 12 holes. Ian Woosnam of Wales was five-under par after 14 holes and New Zealand's Frank Nobilo was four-under after 14.

Elkington birdied two of the last three holes to finish at 67. "I haven't given up the trophy yet," Elkington said. "I played very well. The key for me was to get off to a good start, there was a lot of anxiety and my concentration level was wandering in practice."

"I was a little bit distracted. But I couldn't be happier with the way I played."

Elkington, trying to be the first back-to-back PGA winner since Denny Shute in 1937, sank a six-foot birdie on the 18th hole. He has not won since last year's PGA and only once has played in the top five.

"I had gotten away from biting my shots, a fade and a draw," Elkington said. "I have them organized now and feel much better off the tee."

Zimbabwe's Nick Price, the 1992 and 1994 PGA winner, birdied three of the final four holes to share third in the clubhouse with Joel Edwards, Mark Brooks and another Kentucky player, Russ Cochran.

"I got off to a shaky start. Then I started to settle down," Price said. "I held it together very nicely. I waited for the birdies to

come and they all came at the end."

Brooks, seeking his first major golf crown, birdied six holes in a row. He was two-over par when he began to run from the eighth through 13th holes, the longest consecutive birdie streak in a major since Andy Dillard had six in a row in the 1992 U.S. Open.

"I had a slow start and a really good middle and finish," Brooks said. "It just took a while to get going and get used to the green speed. More than anything, I had some good yardages that made it pretty easy."

Accurate approaches with a six-iron, eight-iron and wedge left Brooks no further than five feet from the cup during his birdie streak except on the 12th hole, when he sank a 12-foot putt.

Brooks is already assured of his richest season in 14 years on the U.S. PGA Tour. He ranks seventh on the U.S. money list with \$860,577.

Nick Faldo birdied four of the last five holes to share seventh at 69 alongside six others that included Fiji's Vijay Singh.

"That was a nice run of birdies there. That's important," Faldo said. "You're going to need to do that because you're going to make mistakes."

"Your concentration goes and you make some silly mistakes. The key is how aggressive you can be in going for the pin without having the ball roll down one of these hills."

Capriati Pulls Out Injured

MONTREAL (AFP) - American Jennifer Capriati received another blow to her tennis comeback when she was forced to pull out of the WTA Open here on Thursday suffering from a left buttock strain.

The 20-year old, who disappeared from the International Tennis scene for two years due to drug problems and an arrest for shoplifting, withdrew in the second set of her quarter-final game against sixth seeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.

She was losing 2-6, 2-3 at the time.

"It's disappointing. I was playing well," Capriati said afterwards.

The American, who suffered a similar muscle strain, but in the right buttock earlier in the year, said she first felt the pain on Wednesday.

"From then on it just got worse. At the end I could barely stand on it. But now I'll just work on healing it."

"I had the same thing when I came back this year and was able to play again the next week," she added.

"Hopefully it will heal fast again."

Capriati, who was among the world's best in women's tennis when she burst onto the scene at the age of 15, is now ranked 100.

She is hoping to play in San Diego in a week and a half and then in the U.S. Open.

Venables Moves Closer to Portsmouth

LONDON (AFP) - Former England coach Terry Venables is to visit Portsmouth's Fratton Park on Saturday before deciding whether to take up a partnership in the English First Division club.

Venables, who enjoys a close friendship with the Gregory Family who own the club, pledged his support last month for the cash-stricken club. He is due to watch the friendly against Bristol City on Saturday to gauge the mood of the fans and the standard of the team.

Sports Highlights



TEHRAN: Shahid Keshvari's swimming team, winner of World's Children Day competition held at Hejab swimming facilities May 31. Shahid Keshvari's topped the 10 team competition.

British Climber Climbs to Safety on Mont Blanc

CHAMONIX, FRANCE (AFP) - A British climber missing for two days on Mont Blanc in the French Alps after getting lost in poor weather descended to safety to a mountain hut on Thursday, mountain rescue gendarmes said.

He and a compatriot, who climbed down to Vallot Hut on Wednesday, were in good health and walked down to the valley here on Thursday.

Rescuers did not name the two men, who went astray in mist near the Dome Col close to the summit of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain at 4,807 meters.

Meanwhile, a helicopter lifted four Spanish climbers on Thursday from the Brenva Col in the Mont Blanc range after they had spent two nights in a bivouac in bad weather, rescue services said.

They added they gave first aid to a hiker who had suffered a heart attack near the Moede en Terme hut and flew him to hospital while another climber, suffering from extreme fatigue, was also hospitalized.

Webb's 65 Leads LPGA Ping Welch's Championship

CANTON, MASSACHUSETTS (AFP) - Karrie Webb, who settled for second at last week's Du Maurier Classic, fired a seven-under-par 65 on Thursday to grab a two-shot lead after one round of the Ping Welch's LPGA Championship.

Webb, the 21-year-old Australian rookie who won twice in the first five months of the year, led midway through the final LPGA major championship a week ago, but played the final 36 holes at two-over and tied for second behind Briton Laura Davies.

Webb's 65 here was one shot off the course record, set by Ok-Hee Ku and Kim Shipman in 1990 and equaled by Stephanie Farwig in 1992.

Webb can regain the top spot on the LPGA money list with a solid showing this week. By tying for second last week, she fell behind Davies into second place with \$597,045. Davies is not entered this week.

Janet Anderson and Vicki Fergon shot five-under 67s to tie two strokes off the lead. Fergon ended a 12-year victory drought two weeks ago by winning the Heartland Classic.

Danielle Ammaccapane and former champion Juli Inkster had four-under 68s and are tied for fourth. Inkster won this tournament in 1991 when it was known as the Bay State Classic.

Melissa McNamara, Rosie Jones, Gail Graham, Michelle Estill and Tracy Hanson were four strokes back on 69.

Defending champion Beth Daniel is six spots behind Webb after an opening-round 71. Last year, Daniel set a tournament record with a 17-under 271 to outdistance Meg Mallon and Colleen Walker by three shots apiece.

Mallon, trying to bounce back from a disastrous finish at the Du Maurier Classic, played even-par 72. She began the final round with a one-shot lead, but stumbled to a two-over 74 Sunday and settled for fourth place.

Centurion Ijaz Puts Pakistan in Strong Position

HEADINGLEY, ENGLAND - Pakistan batsman Ijaz Ahmed scored a fluent Century as the Tourists finished on 281-6 against England at close of play on the first day of the Second Test.

England forced their way back into the contest through Dominic Cork, the Derbyshire seamer, who prized out Ijaz for 141 and former Pakistan captain Salim Malik for 55.

They both fell in the space of five overs in the final session as Pakistan threatened to overwhelm a less-than-menacing pace quartet.

Newcastle Now Favorites, Admits Ferguson

LONDON: Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson admitted that Newcastle are now likely to be considered favorites for the English Premiership title after signing Alan Shearer.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA: Thomas Ziegler (L) of Rapid Vienna and Yuri Maksimov of Dynamo Kiev duel for the ball during their match for the European Champions League qualifying round August 7.

(AFP Photo)

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swimming team winner of the 100m freestyle at the 1996 World Championships in Atlanta.

iber Climbs Mont Blanc

Everest, the world's highest mountain, has been climbed by more than 20,000 people since 1953.

ads LPGA Ping Championship

The LPGA of America announced the 1996 Ping Championship will be held in Maui, Hawaii.

Puts Pakistan in Position

Pakistan's position in the world has been strengthened by its recent victory in the Cricket World Cup.

ARGENTINA: 20 Injured in General Strike; Union Warns of New Stoppages

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina's main union threatened new strikes after a daylong stoppage Thursday left about 20 people injured and 53 arrested in violent clashes between police and workers.

Kuwait Renews BP Service Deal

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) on Thursday announced it has renewed for a three-year term its technical service and support accord with British Petroleum, the Kuwait news agency reported.

French Gov't Prosecutes Ex-Head of Credit Lyonnais

PARIS (AFP) - The French government is prosecuting the former head of loss-making state-owned bank Credit Lyonnais, on the brink of bankruptcy in spite of two government bailouts.

Oil Market Stands Still as Iraq Prepares to Unleash Wave of Crude

LONDON (AFP) - The oil market stood still on Thursday despite the lifting of the main obstacle to the implementation of an oil-for-food deal that will see the return of Iraqi crude to the international scene for the first time for six years.



Average crude prices clung on to their highest levels for about three years despite an end of U.S. objections to the implementation of the deal which will give Iraq an outlet for its crude for the first time since it invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

APEC Set to Launch Work on Free-Trade Blueprint

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Asia-Pacific business leaders are to meet in Hawaii next week to launch work on a blueprint to hasten trade and investment liberalization in the region.

India Approves 64 Foreign Investment Proposals

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The Indian government on Thursday approved 64 foreign investment proposals including a bid by the United Arab Emirates-based Golden Falcon Hotels to set up a chain of luxury hotels here.

EU Joins Japan in Car Move Against Brazil at WTO

BRUSSELS (AFP) - The European Union has decided to back a complaint by Japan against protection of the Brazilian car market before the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Economic Digest

BEIJING - China has given a foreign company rights to untapped resources in its largest Daqing oil field for the first time, the China daily reported Friday.

Today in History

1919 - Anglo-Persian agreement is signed at Terhan to preserve integrity of Persia.

1942 - Britain arrests Mohandas Gandhi, Indian nationalist, and he is interned until 1944.

1945 - U.S. plane drops second atomic bomb, destroying more than half of city of Nagasaki, Japan, in World War II.

1954 - Greece, Yugoslavia and Turkey sign treaty of mutual assistance.

1956 - U.N. Security Council adopts U.S. - proposed resolution calling for cease-fire between Greek and Turkish Cypriots on Cyprus.

1960 - Coup is staged in Laos.

1964 - United Nations orders cease-fire in Cyprus.

1971 - At least 13 people are killed in rioting in Belfast, northern Ireland.

1975 - Two river boats collide near Canton, China, and 500 people are reported drowned.

1988 - Army troops in Rangoon, Burma, open fire on thousands of demonstrators who call for overthrow of President Sein Lwin.

1990 - U.N. Security Council declares Iraq's annexation of Kuwait null and void in 15-0 vote, and Iraq seals its borders declaring that only foreign diplomats will be allowed to leave, raising concern about thousands of foreigners in Iraq and Kuwait.

1991 - Hundreds of police use guns and tear gas to battle pro-apartheid activists who tried to stop President F.W. De Klerk from speaking in Ventersdorp, South Africa.

Nasal Spray Medication May Help Bed-wetter

By Dr. Allan Bruckheim

QUESTION: I have a 7-year-old son and, despite all our best efforts, he still has episodes of bed-wetting frequently. We have heard of nose drops that can help and, though this sounds so strange, we are hoping for help from any source. Is there really such a treatment? If so, would you tell us how it works, and where we can get some?

ANSWER: The medication, approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this condition, is desmopressin acetate (DDAVP Nasal Spray marketed by Rhone-Poulenc Rorer) and may be used in both adults and children.

Normally the levels of a hormone that prevents the kidneys from producing urine (called vasopressin) rise at night, so little urine is formed or stored in the bladder.

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When bed-wetting continues past age 5 in girls or age 6 in boys, your physician can consider the

new prescription medication, which is expensive. One or two puffs from the nasal spray pump usually is sufficient to control the problem.

Once wetting is under control, the medication may be used every other night. It takes about three months of regular use to achieve regular dryness, and when the medication schedule is interrupted before that, bed-wetting may recur immediately.

A complete study is necessary to be sure that the problem is only night bed-wetting (or nocturnal enuresis, if you wish the medical terminology) and not the result of another medical condition, such as diabetes or urinary tract obstruction.

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Many women may greet the symptoms of vaginal itching, odor or change in discharge with a sigh of familiarity. Vaginal infections have long been the most common women's health complaint. Mounting clinical evidence has linked bacterial vaginosis, a most common type of vaginal infection, with a growing range of serious complications, such as pelvic inflammatory disease, ectopic pregnancy, cervicitis and certain complications of pregnancy. The need for correct diagnosis and treatment when BV strikes is clear, and a visit to your physician is in order.

To understand more about these conditions, the new booklet "Women's Guide to Vaginal Infections," offered by the National Vaginitis Association, will start you on the road to knowledge. The content includes explanations and descriptions of the more common types of vaginal infections and is authoritative and easy to understand.

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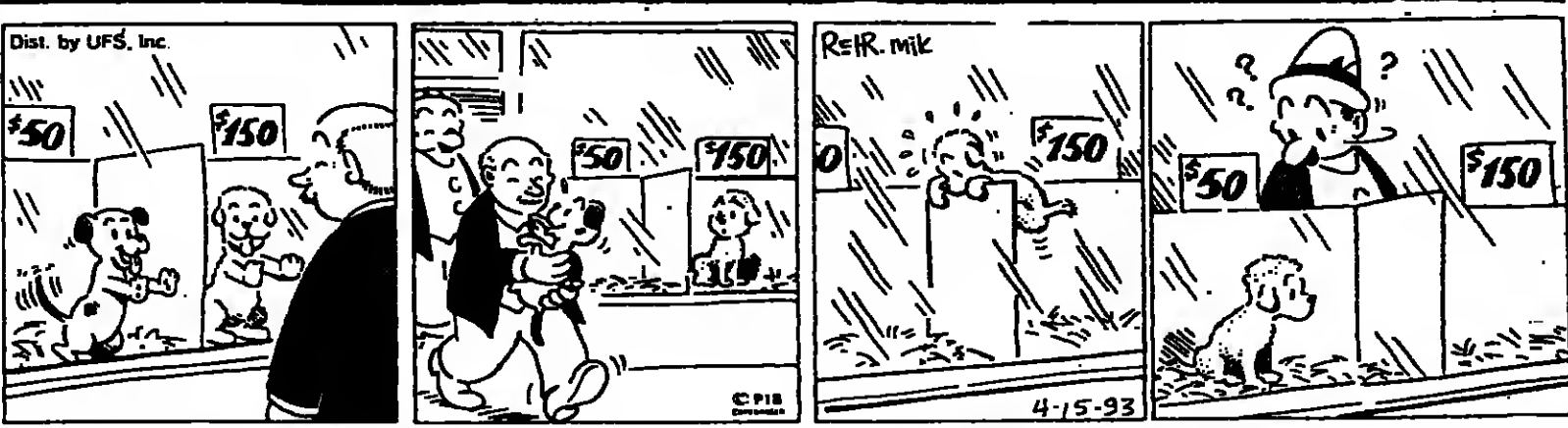
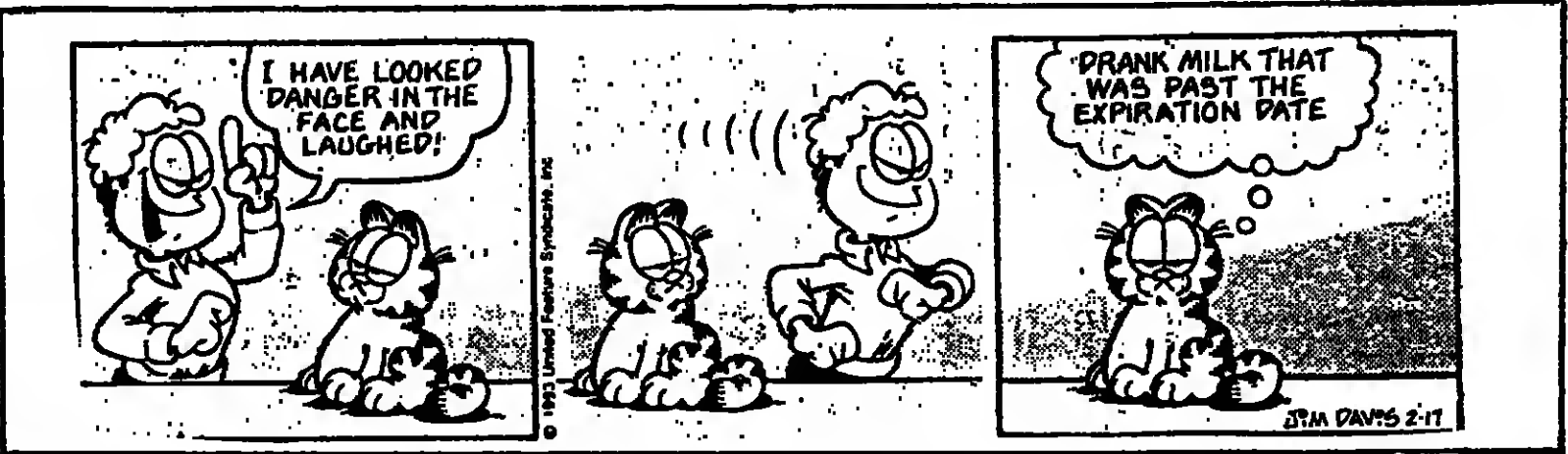
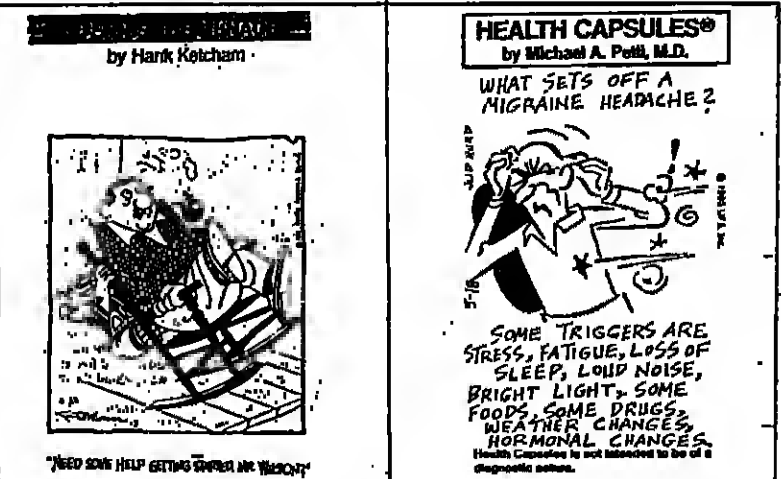
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IRAN NEWS

African Spirit Healer Plans Seances in U.S.A

RUFISQUE, SENEGAL (AFP) - Festooned with amulets and white cowries shells, 109-year-old Fatou Seck chants incantations over a young girl while 30 women swathed in brightly colored dresses dance to the ever quickening beat of tom-toms, their feet pounding the ground.

She is officiating at an "Ndeup", a ceremony of traditional therapy used by the Lebon people of Senegal to heal the mentally disturbed, by dances of spirit possession. The chants and drumbeats arouse the genies, whose anger is then appeased by the sacrifice of a black bull.

Seck, always armed with a cowtail in her right hand to ward off evil spirits, is a leading practitioner of the rite. With a score of healers, called Ndeupkatt she is spending this month in the United States to treat 3,000 patients, most of them black Americans who trace their roots to Africa.

Holding consultations at the Penncenter of Saint Helena Island in South Carolina, she will give her diagnosis, and if necessary will conduct exorcisms with animal sacrifices.

The Lebon ritual has affinities with Voodoo, the sorcery which found its way to the Caribbean from another West African country, Benin. The patient here was being treated for hysteria. Cautious, she fell into a trance, her body shaken by convulsions. The bull's throat was cut and the blood smeared on the girl's body. It took a week for her to recover consciousness gradually, and she went home, to all intents and purposes cured.

Eminent French Psychiatrist Henri Collomb was deeply impressed when he attended an Ndeup two decades ago. He concluded that the psychotherapy worked and tried to adapt it in

Europe with the aim of reintegrating the mentally sick in the society which rejected them.

Many black Americans and some Europeans have year by year since then made the pilgrimage to Rufisque, which is near the Dakar region, the Lebons' ancestral homeland.

According to trustworthy testimony, many of those who took part in Ndeup seances were cured.

The animist beliefs persist in a country with a strong Muslim majority, adherents say, because each Lebon village has its protective spirits, variously known as Rab, Djinn or Tuurs. They allocate good or evil according to the attention paid to them.

Men must never neglect their tutelary spirits, the Lebon aver, sacrificing a bull, a goat or a cockerel to slake the thirst of a Rab with their blood. Rabs are also said to appreciate curdled milk.

Israeli Researchers Report Breakthrough in Herpes Treatment

BEERSHEVA, ISRAEL (AFP) - Israeli researchers have developed an anti-viral ointment based on extracts from algae which they say will provide an effective treatment for herpes, according to press reports earlier.

Researchers at Ben Gurion University in this southern Israeli city said laboratory tests on mice and rabbits had shown the cream to be effective against both the herpes simplex virus, which attacks the skin and nervous system, and another form of the virus which causes highly infectious genital herpes.

Current herpes treatment usually involves the synthetic drug Acyclovir, which impedes reproduction of the viral DNA.

But doctors say that the medicine is expensive and can cause side effects and that there have been reports of increasing viral resistance to the drug.

The head of the Ben Gurion team, Professor Shoshana Arad of the University's Applied Life Sciences Institute, said the newly developed cream, derived entirely from natural substances, has "no significant side effects, even during long-term use."

She said clinical trials would begin soon and that the product could be on the market within three years.

Ben Gurion University has sold development and marketing rights for the cream to the Swiss drugs firm Debiopharm.

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The Man Who Missed Clues to Life on Mars

LONDON (AFP) - A British astronomer, Professor Colin Pillinger, had studied fragments of the Allan Hills 84001 meteorite before the NASA team without discovering evidence of life, according to a press report here earlier.

After the NASA scientists led by Dr. Everett Gibson and Dr. David McKay announced they had found possible relic biogenic activity on the meteorite, Pillinger told the Daily Telegraph: "We did a small bit of this, a very useful part."

The professor, who teaches courses by correspondence and television for the Open University, is better known for his work on another Martian meteorite, EETA 79001. In a paper in 1989, he concluded that the piece of rock it contained tentative evidence of life.

So how did he miss the clues on AHL 84001? Pillinger explained that evidence for life was cumulative and "eventually someone like the NASA man stands on top of pyramid and gets all the kudos," he said.

He added: "I don't think there is really a lot of jealousy."

Pillinger's Open University team, like their NASA rivals, only had a small fragment of the meteorite but the professor denied that they had been unlucky enough to have studied the wrong chunks.

Once news that the forthcoming paper in *Science* magazine leaked out, Gibson rang Pillinger and told him: "I hope that you will be pleasantly surprised."

"I inferred that we had a few references in the first paragraphs of the paper," said Pillinger.

Pillinger's major contribution to the life-on-Mars theory was to have proved with two other scientists, Ian Wright and Monica Grady, that the principal constituent of the Martian atmosphere is carbon dioxide.

Shanghai's Minimum Income Scheme Aids Urban Poor

BEIJING (AFP) - A minimum income scheme in Shanghai which has benefited 450,000 down-and-out urban residents will soon be introduced to more than 100 Chinese cities, Xinhua said.

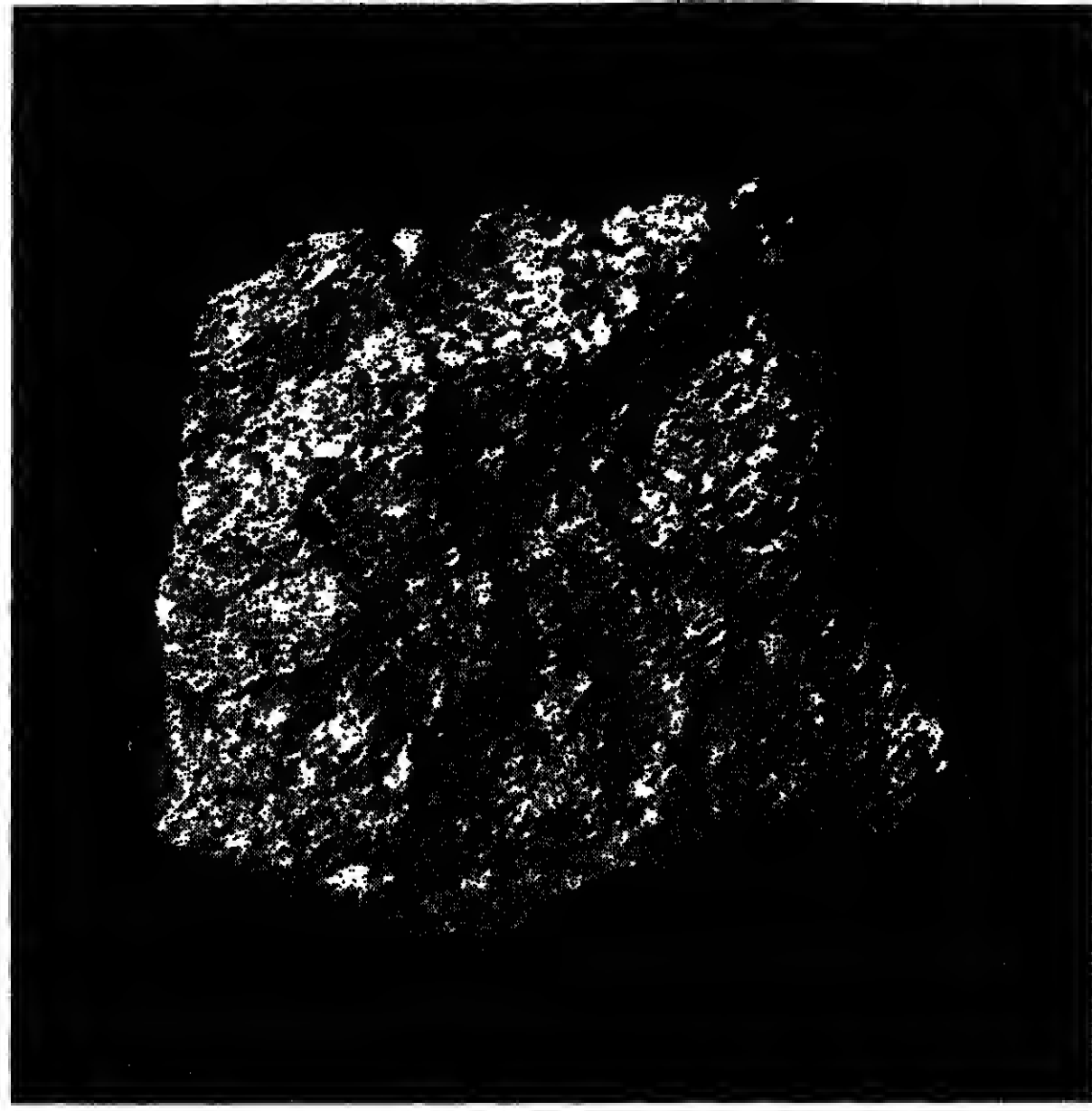
The report said 12 large cities, including Guangzhou, Fuzhou, Qingdao, and Wuxi had followed Shanghai and the system had been or would soon be introduced in more than 100 Chinese cities.

Among Shanghai's urban poor are pensioners, the disabled, the laid off or workers in factories that went bankrupt or were closed or partly closed.

Shanghai was the first city in China to establish a bottom line for living expenses for its poor residents, which account for 3.5 percent of the total population in urban districts, the report said.

Those with a monthly income of less than 185 yuan (\$22) are eligible for government relief funds and food. Each person can receive 20 yuan worth of grain, sugar, and edible oil and 40 yuan in subsidies every month.

In 1995, Shanghai gave 15 million yuan in relief funds to 80,000 residents with no regular incomes and another 23 million yuan as



WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A: An ancient meteorite from Mars is displayed August 7 at the NASA office in Washington D.C. Scientists have identified organic compounds and certain minerals in the meteorite which they conclude "are evidence for primitive life on early Mars".

(AFP Photo)

U.S. Discovery of Life on Mars Is Unlikely to Be True

BEIJING (AFP) - China poured scorn Thursday on the U.S. announcement of fossilized evidence of life on Mars, saying an increasing number of scientists have stopped believing America's "sensational discoveries."

After the "fake research findings by two American scientists in discovering 'cold fusion' were laid bare a few years ago," the official Xinhua news agency said, "more and more scientists across the world have begun to doubt the

sensational scientific discoveries made over the last few years by the U.S."

"Geologists from all over the world" at the 30th International Geological Congress in Beijing have voiced doubts over U.S. reports that a meteorite that fell onto Antarctica 13,000 years ago holds the remains of single-cell life on Mars, Xinhua said.

It was a discovery President Bill Clinton Wednesday hailed as potentially "one of the most stunning insights into our universe that science has ever uncovered."

"It sounds like a fantastic story," Xinhua quoted Professor Umberto Gordan, president of Brazil's Sao Paulo University as saying here, because U.S. scientists have given little evidence that the meteorite came from Mars.

Gordan, described by Xinhua as "the world's most renowned scientist in the study of early-stage rocks," also said the statement about the discovery, contained too many words such as "possibly," "probably" and "perhaps."

Zhang Yun, a biologist from Beijing University, said the U.S. must prove that organisms in the meteorite are from Mars and not from the Earth, while Xinhua said many scientists agreed life on or in the meteorite would be destroyed as it passed through the Earth's atmosphere.

The dispute over the potato-sized rock is only the latest in a string of claims and counterclaims that have made the congress a hot-

bed of scientific discussion.

Earlier Thursday, sex joined the list of things "first discovered" by China's busy scientists, along with "evidence" that evolution was carried forward by giant meteorites that smashed into the Earth.

Zhang presented what may be "the only reliable evidence" that sexual differentiation occurred as early as 620 million years ago - preparing the world for sex 50 million years later.

And before discovering sex, China's scientists were keeping their hands busy on even more earthshattering research, claiming to have solved the intriguing question of why dinosaurs became extinct.

Sharp climatic changes triggered when a meteorite 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) wide smashed into the Earth killed the dinosaurs and brought in the mammals, said Xu Daoyi, a professor at the State Seismological Bureau.

"The extinction of ancient forms of life always occurred with global catastrophes," Xu said, adding evidence from "ancient meteorite craters, and the presence of iridium ... means that sharp changes in the environment are the result of collisions of the Earth and materials from the depths of space."

Although the theory of evolution-causing meteorite hits is not new, Xu said it lent particular weight to recent discoveries of changes in rock layers corresponding to when the dinosaurs died out and mammals began to flourish.

Gambler Wins \$1,500 on Mars Discovery

LONDON (AFP) - A London gambler has won 1,000 pounds (\$1,500) with the announcement that life may have existed on Mars, the daily the Sun reported earlier.

On August 22, 1995, north London truck driver Steve Upton, 43, bet 10 pounds (\$15), at odds of 100 to one, that proof of life on Mars would emerge within the year.

With just 15 days left in the life of the bet, NASA came up with the goods, and the William Hill Betting House paid out the 1,000 pounds - despite the U.S. Space Agency's assertion that the evidence of primitive life on the red planet more than three billion

years ago was circumstantial.

Upton did not anticipate that a meteorite would win him the bet, saying as he headed for vacation, his winnings in his pocket: "With so many space probes, I figured some form of life would be found."

Odds-makers will now have to sharply revise downward their estimates of the likelihood of extra-terrestrial life.

William Hill's odds are now 25 to one - from 500 to one - that intelligent life will be discovered elsewhere in the universe.

"We have been taking bets like this for years. It's pointless to risk incurring an astronomical payout," a spokesman told the Sun.

Hate Crime Against Asian-Americans on the Rise

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Racially-motivated attacks on Asian Americans were more frequent and more violent last year despite a general decline in crime in the United States, according to a study published Monday.

"Ignorance translates into the view of Asian Pacific Americans as perpetual foreigners," said the study, conducted by the Washington-based national Asian Pacific American legal consortium.

"This view of Asian Pacific Americans makes them especially vulnerable to xenophobic attacks."

The most notable increase in violence directed at Asian Americans occurred in southern California, where the number of incidents jumped more than 80 percent from 63 in 1994 to 113 last year, it said.

The study, based on official statistics, reports from community

and professional organizations and media reports, also documented increases in New York and northern California.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported last May that violent crime overall dropped four percent in the United States in 1995.

Against that background, the rise in violence directed at Asians was even more alarming, said the consortium, which promotes legal and civil rights issues on behalf of Asian Americans.

The report said race was the motive in around 90 percent of the cases last year. The remainder were considered suspect.

In one instance which occurred in California last November, a Chinese American man was stabbed by a white male who confessed he was determined to kill a "Chinaman" on that day because they "got all the good jobs."

New Steam Loco



The Age of Steam is about to return. This huge wheel, shown here with a fitter at work on it, will one day help to drive the first new mainline steam locomotive to be built in Britain for 35 years.

The loco is being constructed at engineering works in various parts of Britain, some employing skills unused for decades.

For instance, the six driving wheels, each 6 ft 8 ins (1.85m) in diameter, are being made by Lloyds Burton, a company in Staffordshire, English midlands, and three cylinders, made from about 30 handcarved patterns and weighing three tons apiece, are being cast by British Steel Engineering in Yorkshire, northern England. Frames for the engines are currently being manufactured in Workshops at the Birmingham Railway Museum, in the mid-

lands.

The new locomotive, an A1 Pacific to be called Tornado, will be built at Darlington, northeast England, using 1100 original drawings from the 1940s. It is being made for the A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, and is due to be completed in 1998. It is being built to standards that will allow its operation on the British Rail track system.

Forty-nine A1s were built, the last one being scrapped in 1966. In their heyday, they were achieving speeds of around 100 mph (161 km/h).

One difference between Tornado and its predecessors is that it will be able to run on coal or oil, which means it should be usable in summer without risk of trackside fires.

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IRAN NEWS

FCF Managing Director Briefs the Media on German Visit

Iranian Cinema's Ethical Atmosphere and Avoidance of Violence Induces German Producers to Engage in Coproductions with Iranian Filmmakers

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TEHRAN - A number of German film-production companies expressed interest in collaborating with the Iranian filmmakers. They praised the Iranian cinema for its avoidance of sex and violence which dominate the Hollywood-style films, the Managing Director of the Farabi Cinema Foundation said here Wednesday.

Dr. Mohammad Rajabi, who was speaking at a press conference, said that a delegation from the foundation led by himself recently visited a number of European countries including Germany, Hungary and France.

Dr. Rajabi said that the Iranian delegation visited some German film-production companies which expressed their interest in cooperating with the Iranian film industry. They were also very enthusiastic about the participation of the Iranian films at festivals in Germany.

F.C.F. managing director went on to say that Paul Puschel, the film and TV executive director at Interaktionen - the all-German cultural institute - welcomed cooperation between Iranian film industry and its institute, and called for transference of the Iranian experiences



Dr. Rajabi: German producers are willing to film Iranian scripts

in this field to his country. Puschel expressed his concern over social violence created, particularly by the effect of the American films which put pressures on the German society.

"The cultural atmosphere prevailing in the Iranian cinema is very interesting for me," Puschel added.

Klaus Eder, secretary general of FIPRESCI (Federation Internationale de la Presse Cinematographique) believed the general

cultural atmosphere in Germany is under the influence of the American films. Rajabi stated. Eder said that most German film companies are willing to finance the production of scripts written by the Iranian filmmakers and accepted by the Iranian authorities.

Dr. Rajabi said that during his visit to the Bavaria Film Production, the company's officials expressed their willingness to engage in coproduction with the Iranian film producers.

He added that Farabi Cinema Foundation will establish a permanent bureau in Bavaria Film Production in order to strengthen the cooperation between the foundation and German film-production companies. Thus, we will have a permanent and active presence in this regard, Dr. Rajabi stated.

Referring to his visit to the Arri Company, one of the biggest camera production companies in Germany, Dr. Rajabi said that the company's officials are willing to provide the company's modern facilities to the Iranian filmmakers who would be shooting in Europe.

"A German delegation will visit Iran in the near future to view and buy a number of Iranian films. In fact we have prepared synopsis of a number of Iranian films such as 'The Bus', 'The Bride' and 'The Derrick' to submit to the German delegation," Dr. Rajabi specified.

One reason why the German filmmakers are attracted to the Iranian cinema is the lack of sex and violence in the Iranian cinema the fact that they rely for their appeal

principally on interesting themes and stories; and German exhibitors believe the Iranian films will have a salutary effect on the German cultural atmosphere, the Farabi managing director said.

According to Dr. Rajabi, the Iranian delegation was received with great enthusiasm in their visit to Hungary. Because of the socio-political conditions that have come about in that country, particularly after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the Hungarian film production companies expressed their willingness to use the Iranian experiences in this field.

"They expressed their concern over the influence of the American films on the Hungarian society and exhibited great interest in the active presence of the Iranian films in their country."

In the first stage of its collaboration with the Hungarian companies, the Farabi Cinema Foundation will be producing a film on the Yas tribe who immigrated to Hungary after the assault of Mongol to Iran.

The film, which is to be directed by Sinai, will be part of a series which studies the effects of the Iranian culture and literature on the other nations, he added.

He concluded the conference by stating that the Farabi Cinema Foundation will establish a bureau in Hungary which will coordinate the Iranian collaboration in Hungary and the other Eastern European countries.

Discovery of Ancient Tool in North Siberia

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Scientists are baffled by the discovery of a paleolithic fluted-point tool in north Siberia previously thought to have existed only in North America.

Maureen King and Sergei Slobodin said in a report in Science magazine that the tool had been located in Uptar, northeast Siberia.

Scientists until now have believed the tool was only made by the ancient Clovis people, the earliest known people to inhabit the North America. They lived between 11,200 and 8,500 years ago.

Iraqi Poet, Opposition Activist Dies in Exile

CAIRO, EGYPT (AP) - Iraqi poet Buland Al-Haidari, a long-time opponent of Iraqi Leader Saddam Hussein, died in London of complications following open heart surgery. He was 70.

His first collection, "Beating of Clay," which came out in 1946 in Baghdad, was regarded by critics as a revolution in both form and content. His most recent collection, "Alleyways of Exile," was published last week in London.

Al-Haidari, a leftist, opposed Saddam's one-party rule and left Iraq in 1982 to live in London, where he worked as literary critic.

Germania Anno Zero

Portrait of an Almost Forgotten Leading Actor

When Edmund Meschke was twelve, he was taken on by Roberto Rossellini, virtually from one minute to the next, for a very pessimistic and almost paradoxical film role. In *Germania Anno Zero* Edmund played a sickly child whose early maturity was directly followed by weariness with life. The film was set in the Berlin of 1945, and was shot at Berlin and Rome at the end of 47 and start of 48.

Rossellini and his team spent weeks in Berlin looking for a suitable boy. They had in mind a non-professional who would not be afraid of acting in front of a film crew - but not some prissy youngster from the black market or one all-too sensitive creature who would crack up under the rain of the film story. In the film the boy had to kill his seriously ill mother since it seemed logical to give the latter's food rations, and finally to kill himself. He was supposed to embody what remained of the deadly poison of National Socialism. The boy Rossellini was looking for in July 1947 had to fit in with the world of the very simple and be able to make this extreme case believable.

Roberto Rossellini came to Berlin in March 1947. The backdrop of ruins and the bizarre intermingling of apocalypse and fickle amusement so fascinated him that he stayed for an entire month instead of just a few days, deciding on the spot to shoot a film there as soon as possible. Carlo Lizzani, a young Italian assistant director, was in Rome in June 1947 when he heard that Rossellini was nursing an idea for a new film but had in the meantime moved on to Paris. Lizzani traveled there immediately. He was in his early



twenties and enraptured with uncompromising neo-realism. Even today Lizzani still thinks it a pity that Rossellini did not film the interior scenes in Berlin itself but instead had a house reconstructed in Rome's Farnesina studio. There was a simple reason for that. Roberto Rossellini wanted to be in Rome again as quickly as possible - with Anna Magnani who refused to spend even a week in the German ghost town.

Carlo Lizzani still lives in Rome - in a spacious dwelling in a middle-class area on the outskirts - with the German wife whom he met during the filming in Berlin. Some years ago Lizzani wrote a book on neo-realism; he also stages plays and directs films derived from neo-realism.

The days that Carlo Lizzani spent with Rossellini at Paris in June 1947 much astonished him. He had expected back-breaching work rather than spending nights in fashionable bars in the com-

pany of Marlene Dietrich and her alert Austrian songwriter Max Colpet with whom Rossellini spent the afternoons thinking about a film story. There were differences of opinion too. Rossellini was strictly against any trace of hope in the action. Colpet tried to persuade him to include at least one positive character, thinking of an emigrant, perhaps Jewish, returned from exile.

Carlo Lizzani was sent in advance to scout around Berlin. He was supposed to find locations and to establish contact with the Maison de France cultural institute so as to get allied permission for filming. Lizzani stayed - as did the entire team later - at Frohnau in the French sector. After Rossellini and Colpet arrived in Berlin, the group was joined by Count Franz von Treuberg. Day after day the temperamentally very diverse quartet drove in a black Citroen Rossellini had brought from Paris through the potholed streets of

Berlin. They observed people and situations, made notes, and kept a watch for a boy to play the main part.

Count von Treuberg was a scintillating socialite from circles of aristocratic German resistance to Hitler and a productive character. He spent the final years of the war in Italy and used his connections with the Italian Communist Party to get in touch with the Soviet allies. He persuaded them that director Rossellini was more or less a communist who had made anti-fascist films. Rossellini thus had no trouble in getting hold of DEFA film equipment.

Count Treuberg's communication skills, Colpet's agile charm, and Rossellini's prominence provided the group with an agreeable lifestyle where Berlin's foreign embassies, buffet suppers, bars, and beautiful women played an important part. Carlo Lizzani, who as the youngest and shyest profited the least, says that this lifestyle was very reminiscent of the refined milieu of Billy Wilder's *Foreign Affairs*, which was being

shot in Berlin at the same time and sometimes even on the same street corners as *Germania Anno Zero*.

Now and then Hans Albers, the Hamburg actor, also came along in the Citroen, and it was his idea to visit the Barlay Circus which had moved from the East to Berlin. Edmund Meschke was the son of the circus head groom, and Roberto Rossellini immediately thought he would be right for the part of the boy. His name seemed suitable too.

Edmund had a face that was simultaneously defenseless and reserved with very serious, watching eyes and a high forehead - a face that scarcely moved and revealed little to what was sharpening within. However, since Rossellini was interested in representation rather than action, this introverted intensity was very suitable for the story of psychological aging. Edmund had long thin legs and long thin arms, and was rather lanky. With this lankiness he gave the impression of being a child whose head prematurely penetrated a prob-

lematic world where he could come to harm.

Edmund Meschke is now 60. He lives in a village in Germany and his job is physically very tough, like working in a circus. He was only involved in a single film, in *Germania Anno Zero*, and only at that time when still childlike in appearance did he appear before a public. He was too young to make his own decision in favor of a film career. His parents needed him at the circus and put a stop to other thoughts. As a young man he once read in a newspaper that Max Colpet was staying at the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten in Munich. Edmund Meschke traveled to Munich but was turned away by the hotel porter. Herr Colpet doesn't know any Herr Meschke. That seems like a cheap trick since years later Colpet wrote a gossipy autobiography and devoted a section to Edmund. Unlike Lizzani, he depicts the time when he film was shot in Berlin as a period where there prevailed an idealistic struggle to get by with very little food.

Today such retrospective aspects no longer interest Edmund Meschke. He talks as if what was almost 50 years ago happened yesterday, and as if he feared the dilution of a feeling through additional knowledge. The feeling at issue is that of intensified childhood happiness. Edmund was a David during the shooting, looked after by everyone. A place was always kept for him next to Rossellini's director's chair. Just as children view calamities and upheavals as the culmination of family life, so too does a crisis the production experience in winter 1947 constitute something special, in a positive sense in Edmund's eyes.

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IRAN POLITICAL NEWS

Dole Would Likely Carry on Clinton Foreign Policy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican White House hopeful Bob Dole has denounced President Bill Clinton for playing "little games" around the world, but U.S. foreign policy is unlikely to change much if he wins the November election.

On the big questions of Bosnia, China and Russia, the pragmatic former senate leader has in fact defended Clinton's decisions, though he charges the president's flip-flops have forced the U.S. hand at times.

Disagreements have been over style more than substance and Dole, a World War II veteran, criticizes Clinton's lack of foreign policy experience.

Recently, Dole charged that taxpayers' money was squandered on "little games President Clinton likes to play around the world," citing the 1994 reinstatement of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

But though his party is leaning toward isolationism, a movement led by Republican renegade Pat Buchanan, Dole generally agrees that the United States should remain engaged in order to maintain its superpower status.

Dole ultimately backed Clinton's decision to deploy U.S. troops with the international peacekeeping force in Bosnia



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though the move was particularly risky in an election year and faced stiff Republican opposition.

Dole's special spin was that the deployment would not have been necessary if the arms embargo had been lifted as he proposed and the Bosnians had been allowed to defend themselves.

And while Dole said Clinton's "dreamy" policy toward Russia turned a blind eye to growing nationalism, the former Kansas Senator would probably have supported Russian President Boris Yeltsin's re-election bid with the same fervor.

Clinton also had Dole's backing when he renewed Most Fa-



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vored Mation (MFN) status for China despite calls for the Asian giant to be stripped of its trade benefits because of rights abuses and arms proliferation.

Again Dole argues that if Clinton had played a harder line with Beijing, particularly when China tried to intimidate Taiwan, the United States would not have to resort to tools such as MFN.

Dole is also a staunch opponent of U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and has charged Clinton with turning over U.S. control over the world body.

"Nobody wants to go off to war," Dole says of the Bosnia

deployment, "but in a Dole administration, I will make that decision, not Boutros Boutros-Ghali."

But Clinton's administration is seeking to deflect such criticisms with its drive to oust the U.N. chief when his term expires this year.

Cold War issues such as defense and NATO expansion are what divide Dole, 73, and Clinton, 49, the Most.

To court American voters with roots in eastern Europe, Dole has said that he would immediately bring the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Clinton has sided with Moscow on the issue, calling for a gradual approach to enlargement which Dole denounces as dangerous foot-dragging which could jeopardize post cold-war gains.

Dole loves to warn voters along the campaign trail that the United States currently has no means to shoot down incoming missiles and supports the immediate deployment of an anti-ballistic missile system.

That plan modeled after former President Ronald Reagan's "star wars" program has been rejected by Clinton as ruinously expensive and too quickly outdated.

Republican Convention to Name Dole Candidate to White House

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (AFP) - The Republican Party is due next week to officially charge Bob Dole with the task of regaining the White House from the Democrats.

For four days, 1,900 delegates from across the United States will meet in this southern California city to hear speeches, approve the party platform and officially nominate the candidates who run against President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore in the November 5 elections.

The presidential candidate is no surprise; former Senator from Kansas and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, 73, is the only real contender.

The question on everyone's mind here is who the vice presidential candidate. Will be. Dole is expected to announce his running mate Saturday, and several names

are being mentioned.

First choice General Colin Powell, the "black gulf war" hero some was considered Dole's only chance for victory in November, declined to be considered for the post.

Powell is scheduled to make a speech on the opening day of the convention Monday.

The latest names to circulate for the post are Jack Kemp, formerly a member of former President George Bush's Cabinet; Senator John McCain of Arizona; and Governor John Engler of Michigan.

However, Dole's nomination will be shrouded by recent polls which give Clinton close to a 20-point lead over the Republican.

Republican Party officials are banking on the fact that the publicity surrounding the campaign

will breathe new life into the Dole campaign.

Dole has partly blamed his meager campaign war chest, severely depleted after the primary campaign, for his current campaign woes.

Once named the official party candidate, however, Dole will be eligible for 70 million dollars from the federal government.

For now, the republicans' main concern is to present a unified image to the American public during the four-day convention, which could prove easier after they averted an abortion showdown.

While reaffirming his support for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion, Dole had wanted the party platform to include a more tolerant message that would recognize different points of view on the volatile subject.

Pakistani Opposition Announce New Anti-Bhutto Moves

LAHORE, PAKISTAN (AFP) - Pakistani opposition parties Tuesday announced a program of public meetings in preparation for a mass March on the nation's capital aimed at forcing Prime Minister Benazir to step down.

A joint statement released after a meeting by leaders of 14 parties said the first anti-government public meeting would be held in the Southern Port City of Karachi on August 14, Pakistan's independence day. Afterwards, rallies would be held in other major cities, the statement said, without setting a date for the march on Islamabad.

The statement said the concerted campaign by the opposition was aimed at "saving" Pakistan from the "misrule" of a "corrupt and incompetent" government.

The statement said the opposition members of parliament and four provincial assemblies would also consider resigning their seats.

The parties include the main opposition Pakistan Muslim League led by former Premier

After much debate, the republicans reached a compromise. The right-wing of the party, including the so-called Christian coalition, won its battle to delete the reference to tolerance, but pro-Choice Party members succeeded in having their point of view included as an addendum to the platform.

Aware that the harsh speech delivered by ultra-conservative Pat Buchanan at the party's convention four years ago was considered a liability to the ultimately unsuccessful re-election campaign of President George Bush, republicans are intent on avoiding the same error this year.

In a bid to project a Moderate Party image, the speakers chosen to address the convention are essentially middle-of-the road republicans unlikely to alienate any delegates.



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Nawaz Sharif, Jamaat-i-Islami, Karachi-based ethnic organization, Mohajir Qaumi Movement, and several religious groups.

Last month, the parties united against the Bhutto government, following an abortive attempt by Jamaat-i-Islami on June 24 to storm the capital. Police foiled the attempt, leading to clashes in which three party activists were killed.

Bhutto Tuesday dismissed opposition demand for snap polls, saying her government would complete its tenure.

No Imminent Resumption of Israeli-Syrian Peace Talks: U.S.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Israel and Syria are still far from an agreement on resuming peace talks that broke down six months ago, the state department said last week.

"This is a considerable challenge," Spokesman Nicholas Burns said. "This is going to take a lot of work to put together if it can be put together." "I wouldn't lead you to believe that this is imminent," he said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday offered to hold peace talks with Syria on "all outstanding matters" including the Golan Heights, which Syria lost to Israel in the 1967 War.

Netanyahu said he had made a new proposal to Syria through Washington.

Burns said there is "interest from both governments" on resuming the peace talks but that no agreement to move forward had been reached.

The state department also downplayed the negative reaction in the Syrian press to Netanyahu's offer to hold peace talks which he made during a trip to Amman.

"The government in Damascus is open, at least to the possibility of some kind of action in the future," Burns said.

The United States is acting as an intermediary in the effort to jumpstart Israeli-Syrian talks that were suspended in the wake of several suicide bombings in Israel in late February and early March. Exploratory talks under U.S. sponsorship had been held at the Wye Plantation Conference Cen-

ter outside Washington but the sides failed to reach agreement the Golan Heights, which Syria wants returned.

Burns reiterated that Netanyahu's offer to hold talks with Syria was a "very positive statement" and that Washington hopes it will be welcomed in the Arab world, including Syria.

Syria and Israel must envisage some form of dialogue to reach peace, he added.



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"The United States believes that this is the road to peace. It's the only road to peace, to have diplomatic discussions," he said.

Netanyahu has proposed that settlement in Lebanon be reached first as a confidence-building measure between Israel and Syria.

But Syria sees the proposal for an Israeli withdrawal from south Lebanon as an attempt to divide Arab ranks and jettison the principle of land-for-peace.

Water Is Main Reason for Israel to Hold onto Golan: Study

CAIRO (AFP) - Water is the principal reason for Israel's attachment to the Golan Heights, according to a study by the research center of the official Egyptian news agency Mena, released Tuesday.

The Jewish state holds "the keys to the water resources" of the Middle East, it added. The study, published on the eve of a visit here by Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, said "the water Israel has taken from the Golan represents 22 percent of its exterior water resources and is the main reason for its attachment to the Syrian territory."

Syria demands that Israel return the entire Golan, which it captured in 1967 and annexed in 1981, in exchange for peace with Damascus. Syria also demands that Israel agree to those terms before it will resume negotiations with the Jewish state, which were broken off in February.

However, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has publicly ruled out returning the Golan to Syrian control.

The study says Israel since

1967 has kept "the water resources of the Golan, water diverted from the Jordan and 90 percent of the water from the West Bank and Gaza ... (and) now holds the keys to the distribution of water resources in the area."

"Israel, Jordan and the occupied territories will be, in the near future, the areas most threatened by a shortage of water," the report said.

The report says that Israel has focused on "a strategy for connecting Jordan to Gaza through the construction of a network of settlements capable of increasing the consumption of water at the expense of the Palestinians."

"The amount of water per settler per year is from 640 to 1,480 cubic meters (22,601 to 52,265 cubic feet) while per Palestinian consumption does not exceed 107 to 156 cubic meters (3,779 to

5,509 cubic feet) for the same period, the study said.

The water issue will remain at the top of the list of Middle East problems in the near future, it concluded.

Ruling Tories Dent Labor's Poll Lead

LONDON (AFP) - The ruling Conservative Party has made significant inroads into labor's massive opinion poll lead, according to a survey published Wednesday.

The ICM poll for the Guardian newspaper still gives Tony Blair's Labor Party a 20 point advantage over the Tories, but that is five points down on last month's lead.

Overall the poll shows the main Opposition Party's popularity is unchanged from July, with 50 per-

cent of those questioned saying they will vote for labor in the next general election, which must be held by May 1 next year at the latest.

But Prime Minister John Major's conservatives have recovered strongly to move up five points to 30 percent. The party has trailed some 20 points behind labor for more than three years.

The liberal democrats are down two on 18 percent.

Blacks, Asians Still Disadvantaged in Britain

LONDON (IRNA) - According to most indicators, Black and Asian people remain socially and economically disadvantaged in Britain.

Overall ethnic minorities fare markedly worse than the white population on grounds of unemployment, pay, housing or as victims of crime, although some groups, particularly Indians, do relatively well in such areas as education and house ownership.

The first social focus on Britain's ethnic minorities published Thursday by the office for national statistics paints a varied picture of the country's immigrant population, over half of whom were born in the U.K.

It classified 3.2 million people representing just under six per cent of the population as non-white in spring 1995, up from just over three million four years earlier. Asians, mainly from the Indian subcontinent, far outnumber

Caribbean descendants.

All ethnic minorities suffer from higher unemployment rates than whites, led by Pakistanis and Bangladeshis with 27 per cent jobless and blacks 24 per cent, compared with 12 per cent for Indians and just 8 per cent for the indigenous population.

Those employed average much lower hourly full-time pay rates for both women and men, despite Asian children doing much better in school examinations and higher education.

In lifestyles, more than half of children of Caribbean descent live with a lone mother, while 90 of children from Asian communities living with their married parents.

On crime, all minority groups are statistically more likely than whites to be victims of both personal and property offenses, but the report points out that most live in inner city areas where crime rates in general are far higher.

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Kafelnikov Fires Back to Win

MASON, OHIO (AFP) - Thunder, lightning and the threat of rain couldn't distract determined French Open champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov from staging a comeback here on Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$2.2 million ATP championship.

The Russian, who said this month he was set on improving his career-high world ranking of fourth, showed his ocean business as he rallied after dropping the first set against American Chris Woodruff to earn a 6-7 (5/7), 6-4, 7-5 victory as the skies grew progressively darker.

Kafelnikov, who is hoping that a solid U.S. Open performance could lead to a chance at displacing Pete Sampras as world number one, faces his next test against the winner of a match between holder Andre Agassi, the Olympic Champion, and American qualifier Alex O'Brien.

"This was a match that I could have easily lost," Kafelnikov said of his contest against Woodruff, the world No. 53 from Tennessee who upset Agassi in the second round of the French Open.

"I knew the skies were full of rain, but I tried to stay cool. I didn't look at the weather. I was not going to rush myself. It was good for me to have a scare like this on court. It made me concentrate 100 percent in order to win," Kafelnikov, 22, said.

"I'm happy that I got through. This win gives me confidence, and that is something I can use in my next match," Kafelnikov, from the black sea resort of Sochi, added.

Earlier, 1995 Roland Garros champion Thomas Muster of Austria, the second seed, moved safely through, destroying Australia's Wimbledon semi-finalist Ja-

soo Stoltenberg 6-2, 6-2.

Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic, winner of four titles at the start of the year, came from behind to eliminate German Bernd Karbacher 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Ivanisevic said that he was still trying to live down his failure to win a Wimbledon title despite making the finals twice, in 1992 and 1994.

After losing this year in the quarterfinals to Stoltenberg, the Croatian went home to split for a few days, but they were anything but relaxing.

"I wanted to have my holidays and not think too much about Wimbledon. But people in my country are strange. They leave notes on my car 'you are never going to win Wimbledon.'"

"They don't understand. It is negative, it's a negative city, when you play good it's 'oh, great.'"

Shortly after Kafelnikov and Ivanisevic got off court, the rain did begin, forcing matches to be halted with former world number one Jim Courier holding a 1-0 lead in the third set over South African Wayne Ferreira.

Italian qualifier Cristiano Caratti broke world number three Michael Chang to love to take a 3-2 lead when their match was taken off court after 16 minutes.

The pair's only other meeting came at the 1992 Australian Open, with the Italian taking a set off the Chinese-American.

Sampras was due for a night match with Australian Veteran Mark Woodforde, winner along with partner Todd Woodbridge of the Olympic doubles title.

Swede Thomas Enqvist and Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek were due to play after dark with rain dominating the weather forecast.

Noro Leads Karuizawa Women's Golf Tournament

KARUIZAWA, JAPAN (AFP) - Japan's Natsuko Noro fired a sizzling four under par 68 under sunny skies to take the first-round lead in the Karuizawa 72 women's Golf Tournament on Friday.

The 30-year-old from Aichi, who captured her first title in September last year, carded seven birdies against three bogeys to take a one-stroke lead over Ko Woo-Soon of South Korea, and fellow

Japanese Kaori Higo and Junko Yasui.

Shin Sora of South Korea was tied at fifth place with three Japanese golfers at 70, while her compatriot Lee Young-Me, the winner in Tottori last weekend, got off to a slow start with a five over par 77.

Japan's Mitsuko Hamada sank a hole-in-one on the 191-yard third hole to win a prize of \$1,800 dollars but stood in a 29th-place tie at 73.

Australian Julian Hits Form with Rapid Century

LONDON (AFP) - Surrey's Australian fast bowler Brendon Julian hammered a 109-ball Century on the second day of their English County Championship match against Lancashire on Thursday.

The Australian plundered five sixes and 13 fours, racing from 50 to 100 in just 33 deliveries, as third placed Surrey piled up 366 for six in their second innings for a lead of 432 - strengthening their title hopes.

He eventually finished unbeaten on 119, while England hopeful Mark Butcher and Nadeem Shahid both weighed in with 66 apiece.

Earlier, Lancashire, resuming on 128 for five, slumped to 145 all out. Martin Bicknell claiming former England all-rounder Mike Watkinson to finish with five for 48 before Joey Benjamin (four for 38) claimed four wickets for one run in 17 balls to establish a first innings Surrey lead of 66.

Championship leaders Leicestershire took control on the first day of their clash with Glamorgan

before rain wrecked proceedings after tea at Swansea.

Leicestershire, three points clear of out-of-action Yorkshire with a game in hand at the start of the day, totalled 298 for three off 73 overs thanks to excellent innings from West Indies' Phil Simmons and Ben Smith.

The fourth-wicket pair added 154 in 38 overs between lunch and tea to build an encouraging platform provided by openers Vince Wells (44) and Darren Maddy (43) who put on 89.

Smith was first to his half-century and finished the day with 11 boundaries in his unbeaten 82, while Simmons' 79 not out included 15 fours.

Rookie wicketkeeper Simon Willis rescued fellow title hopefuls koot with a championship-best innings of 78 after Northamptonshire had threatened to wrest the initiative on the first day at Northampton.

The 22-year-old, making the most of his first-team chance in

the absence of the injured Steve Marsh, cracked a dozen boundaries in his 118 ball knock and helped lift the visitors from 146 for five to 316 all out.

He put on 65 with old Etonian former army officer Matthew Fleming (40), another 48 with Dean Headley (19) and a further 50 with England spinner Min Patel (31).

Northants were three without loss in reply when bad light stopped play for the day with eight overs remaining.

A pace blast from England fast-bowling reject Devon Malcolm gave Derbyshire's championship challenge a boost against Sussex at Hove.

Malcolm took four for 41 as Sussex, replying to the visitors' 320, were reduced to 88 for five.

Earlier, half-centuries from former captain Kim Barnett (55) and Tim O'Gorman (53) allied to useful contributions from Karl Kricken (48) and Chris Adams (43) had bolstered the Derbyshire innings.

Mexico's Ball Games Date Back 3,500 Years

For centuries Latin America's ball games, dating back to the pre-colonial era, have survived in Mexico. They have been passed down from generation to generation for 3,500 years.

Ball games are a phenomenon of pre-colonialist Latin America, and have been preserved as a significant way of expressing cultural values and strengthening the national identity of the Mexican people.

Sport is not only considered an entertainment but also has mythological, religious and philosophical characteristics.

Three-and-a-half millennia ago, during prayers asking heaven to send down rain and make the soil fertile, ball games were a part of the ritual.

So far over 700 ancient ball game fields have been discovered

from Nicaragua to Arizona. These finds signify the importance of ball games during feasts, festivals and religious ceremonies.

Latin American Ball Game Characteristics:

Basically grouped into four categories:

- 1- Catching and throwing the ball;
- 2- Hitting the ball by some kind of cane, bat or stick;
- 3- Kicking the ball with the foot;
- 4- Hitting the ball with the hip.

In colonial days in Latin America, the new priests became aware of the game's religious significance and banned them. But according to historians, the ball games survived despite the ban.

Nowadays, they are the most popular games and entertainment. Their rules and regulations have

been passed on and improved upon throughout the years. Branches of this sport have been developed and evolved with special characteristics which in some cases seem to differ considerably from their ancient forebears.

The Federation of Before-Christ and Pre-Colonialist Games, affiliated to Mexican Sports Federation, was founded in November 1988. It has put traditional games into the framework of organized games and sports in Mexico.

Some ball games surviving to date have preserved a number of ancient characteristics, like terminology from long ago. Some of the playing instruments, uniforms and moves have also been kept intact.

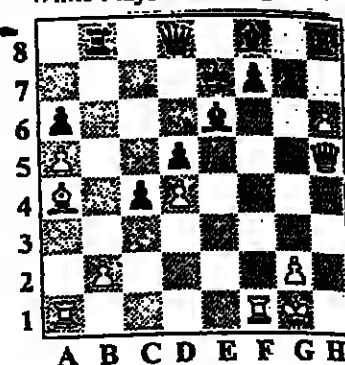
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Eubank to Launch Fighting Comeback

LONDON (AFP) - Chris Eubank the former World Boxing Organization (WBO) middle and super-middleweight champion set himself an 18-month time limit to revive his career on Thursdays based on fights to be held largely in the Middle East.

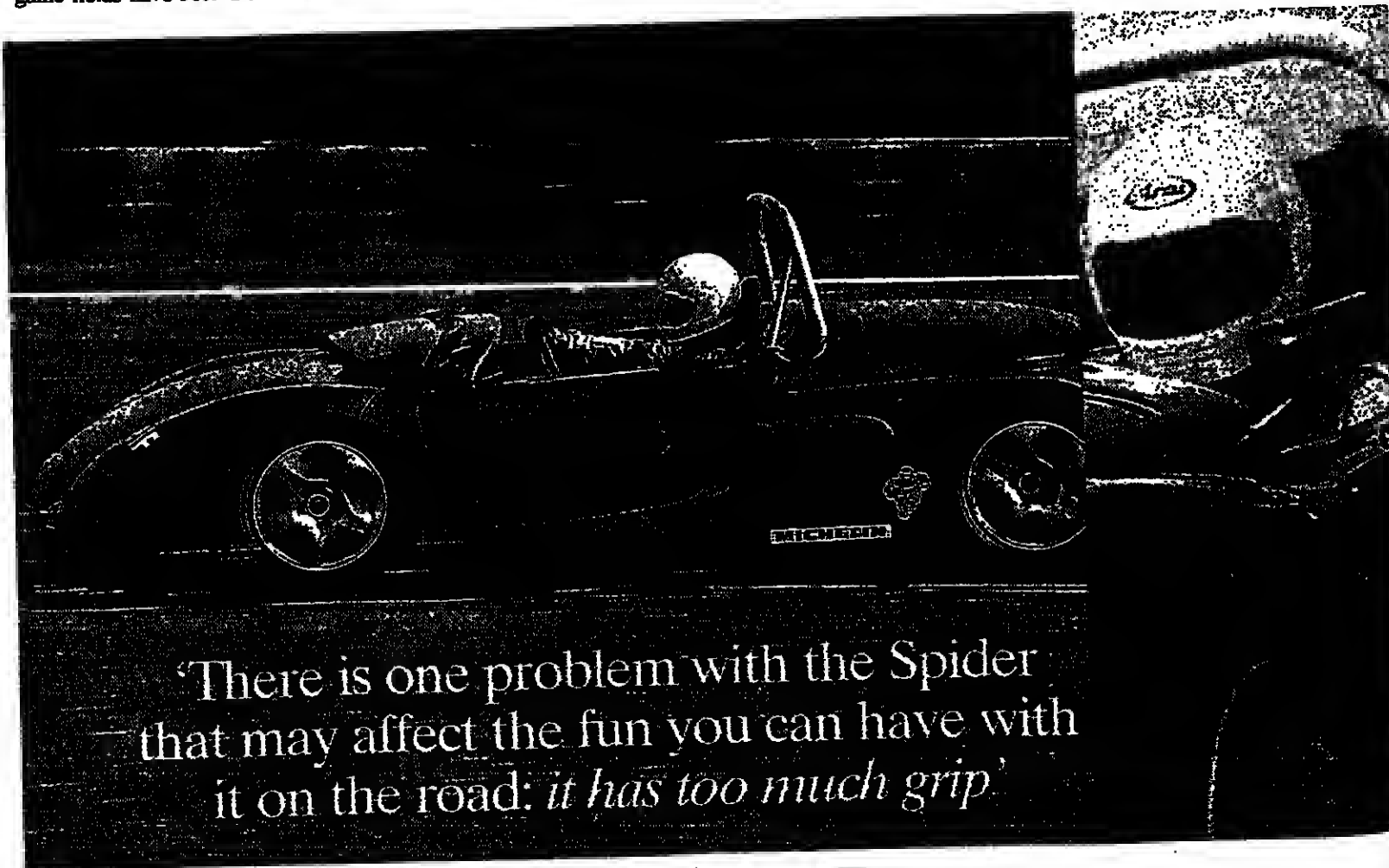
Eubank, who retired after he lost for the second time to Ireland's Steve Collins last September, starts his comeback in Cairo against Argentina's Dario Matteoni on October 12.

Eubank, celebrating his 30th birthday, smiled: "Money is always divine, but business is business and the interest I've made means I'm worth far more now than when I retired."

Eubank, whose only defeats in 47 contests were by Collins, netted a reputed \$15 million us from satellite broadcaster BSKYB in an eight-fight deal before he quit.

Now, backed by Al-Ahram, the Middle East's oldest and biggest selling newspaper, he will also promote his comeback which will be confined to the middle east, apart from one in Euro Disney.

"I intend to set another standard by opening another gateway to the middle east. I will spread my gospel at grass roots to put my point of view," said Eubank.



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